

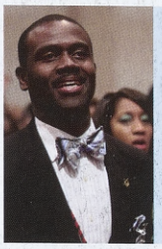
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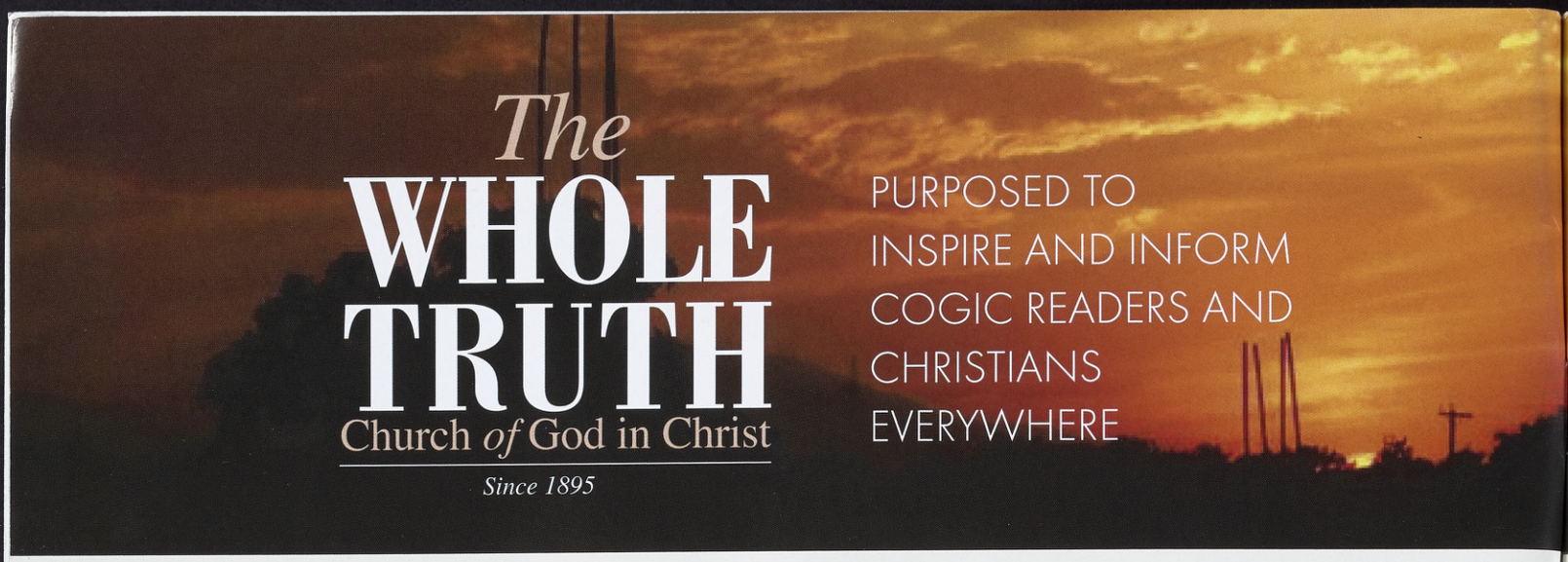
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As you read the April issue of The Whole Truth, I sincerely pray that you are encouraged, inspired and informed, which are the simple yet powerful objectives of this medium. The editor, writers and graphic designer have done a magnificent job assembling a wealth of well written, visually striking stories designed to strengthen and motivate each of us as we strive to do our very best while we walk with Christ. You will quickly discover that there is great information, insight and inspiration in every article!

As you peruse the pages of this complimentary issue, please remember to subscribe to The Whole Truth and to share it with others; I am confident that they will greatly benefit. Every Church of God in Christ member should have a subscription to our magazine and proudly use it as a witnessing tool to unbelievers and as a refreshing source of edification to fellow believers.

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In His Service,

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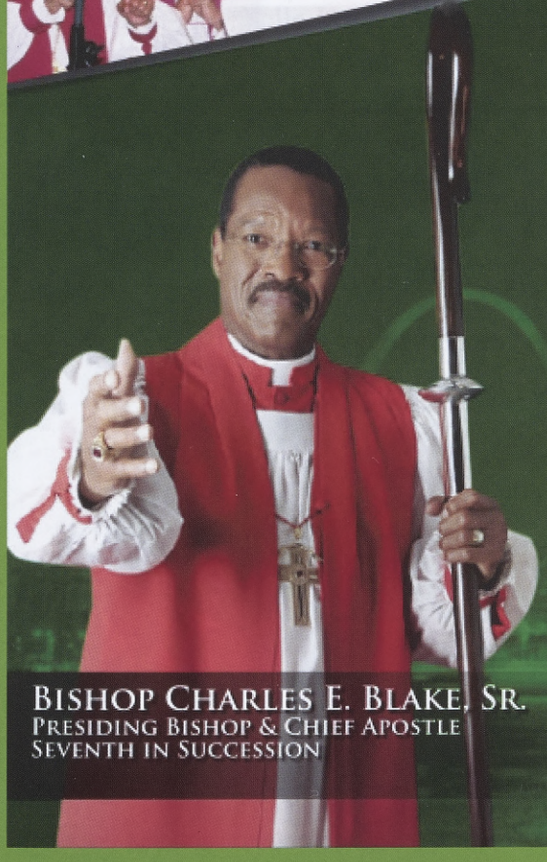
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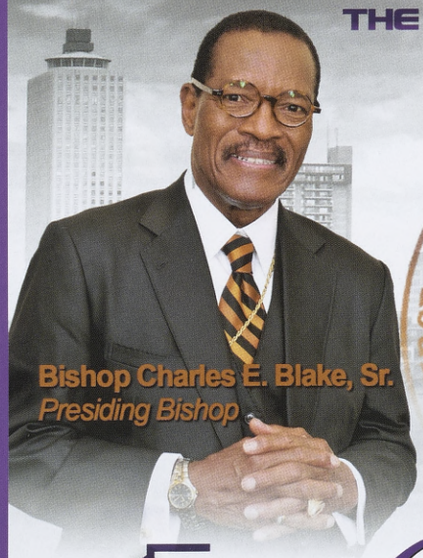
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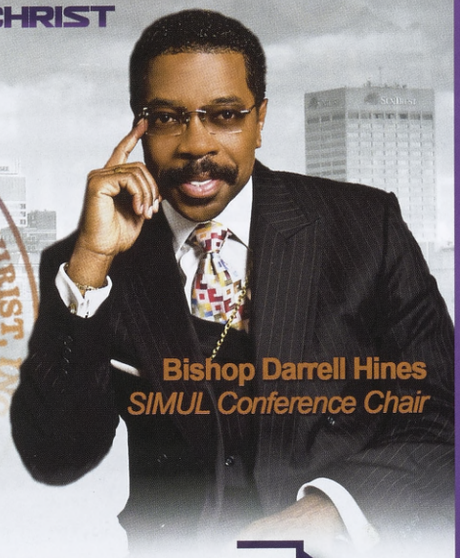
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This quarter's exciting TWT issue is sure to accomplish our overall mission of informing and inspiring COGIC readers and Christians everywhere. With carefully crafted, thought-stimulating articles, such as "A Fling With the King" by Daniele Randolph and "Step Out, Stretch Forth and Spring Forward" by Chareá Batiste, we're confident that you will find something within these pages that will encourage your hearts. If you're in need of some sound, expert advice, you'll be positively enlightened by our new featured columns, such as "Legally Speaking With Attorney Mablean Ephriam" and "Rediscovering Me, Rediscovery You With Dr. Michelle Jackson-McCoy". And if you need a quick brush-up on some of the exciting things occurring on the national level, you'll easily find that too, with articles such as "Up From the Ashes: The Rebuilding of a People" by David-George Newsome, an inspiring peek into what our church is accomplishing in Haiti.

On behalf of Robert Coleman, Jr. (TWT Managing Editor & Executive Director of COGIC Public Relations), Juan Roberts (Creative Director, Creative Lunacy) and all of the very multi-gifted TWT writers and contributors, we pray that you enjoy our heartfelt contributions to this complimentary issue. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to please subscribe to The Whole Truth today by visiting www.cogic.org. Life and favor to you and yours!

By His Grace,

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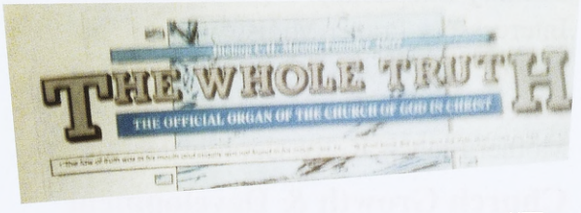
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The Whole Truth:

A COGIC Building Block

By Bishop David Allen Hall, Sr.



The Whole Truth predates the Church Of God In Christ as a Pentecostal Church. Bishop Charles Harrison Mason founded the newspaper entitled "Truth" in the late 1890's. Its first publication is not really known. Bishop Mason used the newspaper to inform the fledgling and well scattered following that he and Charles Price Jones developed throughout the south. They were not eager to establish another denomination or create doctrinal and dogmatic statements for public consumption. They merely wanted to inform their membership.



The newspaper became The Whole Truth upon the 1907 split between Mason and Jones over the issue of "speaking in tongues" as the initial evidence of baptism in the Spirit. As simple and straight forward the appeal of Mason's gospel was, the newspaper became an indispensible tool in the organizational development of the Church Of God In Christ. Bishop Mason was limited in his ability to teach, administer and codify his polity across the organization.

He found that he could use the monthly publication theologically, organizationally and socially as a practical way to discipline the Church. Bishop Mason had full license to inspire and regulate the lives of his followers. Should something or someone need support, reprimand or encouragement, the saints could read about it in The Whole Truth. If Bishop Mason printed in the paper that a brother was not to be received as a person in good standing, that brother effectively had doors shut in his face.

The Whole Truth offered testimonies of healings and great revivals, similar to those published in the February 1928 and January 1942 editions respectively:

DES MOINES, IA -
The Whole Truth, February 1928, volume IV, page 2

Dear Editor:

Holy greetings in Jesus' name. I want to thank God for saving my life last Thursday. About 11 o'clock p.m. I started home from service. The streetcar was coming and I ran to catch it and I stepped off into a pit where they drain autos. The pit is about 5 feet deep. I am a woman, 68 years of age. It seemed that everything was against me. Thank God, as I was falling, I said: "Lord, where am I going?" When I hit the bottom, I was helpless, could not move. They helped me out and, oh, how God did come in my soul and quicken my body, thank God.

My pastor came and carried me home in his car, between 3 and 4 miles across town. With the pains of death in my body, I didn't cease praising God. My pastor, his wife and others held on to God for me, contending there was nothing too hard for Him. They anointed me with oil according to the scriptures. Jesus came in power, touched my body and healed me instantly. I came out of my bed, praising Him, Jesus Christ the Son of God, who saved me from death through the prayers of my beloved pastor, Elder G. W. McGlothan, and other saints.

Pray for me that I may continue to praise the living God.

MOTHER MARCELLA TROTTER.
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The Whole Truth, January 1942, volume 7, page 2

"For as much then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind, for he that hath suffered in the flesh, hath ceased from sin." 1 Peter 4:1.

We, the saints of God at Union Ridge send holy greetings in the Name of Jesus. We thank God because we can say of a truth that the Lord has blessed us wonderfully thru the past year under the leadership of Elder Audley King whom we believe to be a man of God laboring untiringly with his dear wife working by his side. We thank God for sending him to us. He has proved to be worthy of all we can do for him. The Lord has increased our spiritual strength and blessed us to finish our church without any indebtedness.

We held our third annual basket dinner meeting in May with great success. Service was held day and night. Several visiting saints from various churches in the district were with us. Elder Wm Ward of Nashville was guest speaker of the evening. A short program was rendered by the young people after Y. P. W. W. service.

A rally for the improvement of our church and our pastor was held Sept. 14th. The Lord blessed us on that day. Elder C. Dereckson, Sister Mary McDowell and saints from Nashville and Shelbyville were with us. Our financial report was one hundred thirty dollars and forty cents ($130.40).

Beginning Oct. 7th the Lord blessed us in a ten-day revival both spiritually and financially. Missionary Mary McDowell and Sister Emma B. Seay of Nashville were with us during this meeting. Sister Seay played the piano and Sister McDowell taught us many encouraging lessons. Our hearts were made to rejoice and the community was stirred. Some of her subjects were: "Seven steps to Christianity". Acts 11:26. "I am one of them".

Acts 11:26. "Come before Winter". On Tuesday night of the second week Elder W. A. Patterson of Memphis came to us with the anointing of the Lord upon him and preaching the pure Word of God. Our hearts burned within and sinners came to the altar seeking salvation. Some of his subjects were as follows: "Pray until the things you are praying for knock at your door." Acts 12:5-13, "An unchanging God in a changing world." Lev. 19:1-2, Psa. 89:34, Deut. 7:6-7, "The everlasting Gospel". Rev. 11:6 and "Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give thee rest." Matt. 11:28. Five souls were saved and testified to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Three backsliders returned to God. We were blessed to raise eighty dollars and sixty cents ($80.60). We thank the Lord for these dear people coming to us and we pray that they will come to us again soon. Our State Mother Broadnax was with us one night. We are always glad for her. All auxiliaries of the church are progressing. We desire your prayers that the Lord will continue to bless us.

ELDER AUDLEY KING, Pastor
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The paper featured stories of church openings, our school in Lexington, Mississippi, and of course it shared with its readers the latest news of Bishop Mason's whereabouts. It was not unusual for the entire local church to gather around and hear the newspaper read from front to back. The name itself meant current, undeniable and indisputable truth. Walter Cronkite of CBS News did not enjoy a higher credibility rating than Bishop Mason and The Whole Truth within the Church Of God In Christ. Over the years, the newspaper's editors were media darlings who were believed and held accountable for whatever was printed. Mother Elia V. Sparks (the first editor), Bishop James L. Whitehead, Jr. and I know the level of responsibility associated with the position of editor. In 1996, Bishop Chandler David Owens asked me to convert The Whole Truth to a magazine format. The upgrade proved to be effective and stimulated the interest of the current generation in the activities of the Church.

The magazine is well written and features great photos and articles that reflect the life, times and ministries of the organization. Through its pages have been recorded our religious history, the earthquakes in Haiti, the charitable giving of COGIC Charities, the visionary programs and agendas of every administration. The Whole Truth has covered the scope of Bishop J.O. Patterson's sweeping organizational development; Bishop L.H. Ford's "Help Week" building projects in Lexington, Mississippi; the financial management drive that Bishop C.D. Owens promoted; the evangelism and media development of Bishop G.E. Patterson, and finally, the revolutionary digital expansion and progressive administration of the Bishop Charles E. Blake era.

I am proud of the accomplishments of the Church Of God In Christ. The Whole Truth remains the official organ of the Church, is serving in an expanded role and has a great legacy. Whatever the vision and focus of the leader, its pages are here to record for current readers and generations to come, what the Church Of God In Christ is doing.

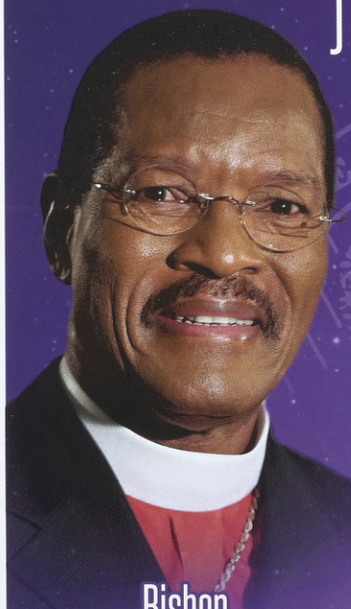
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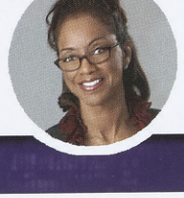
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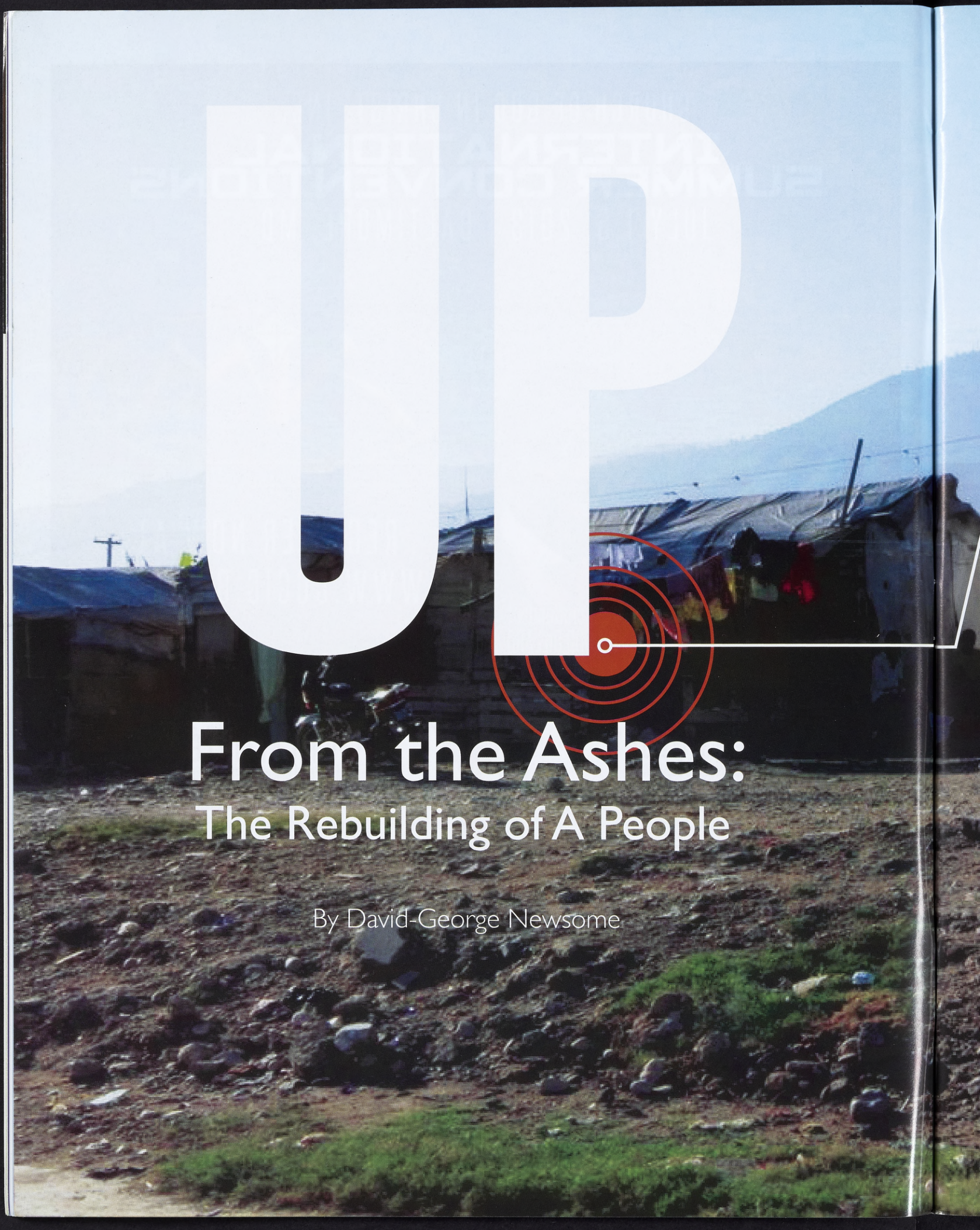




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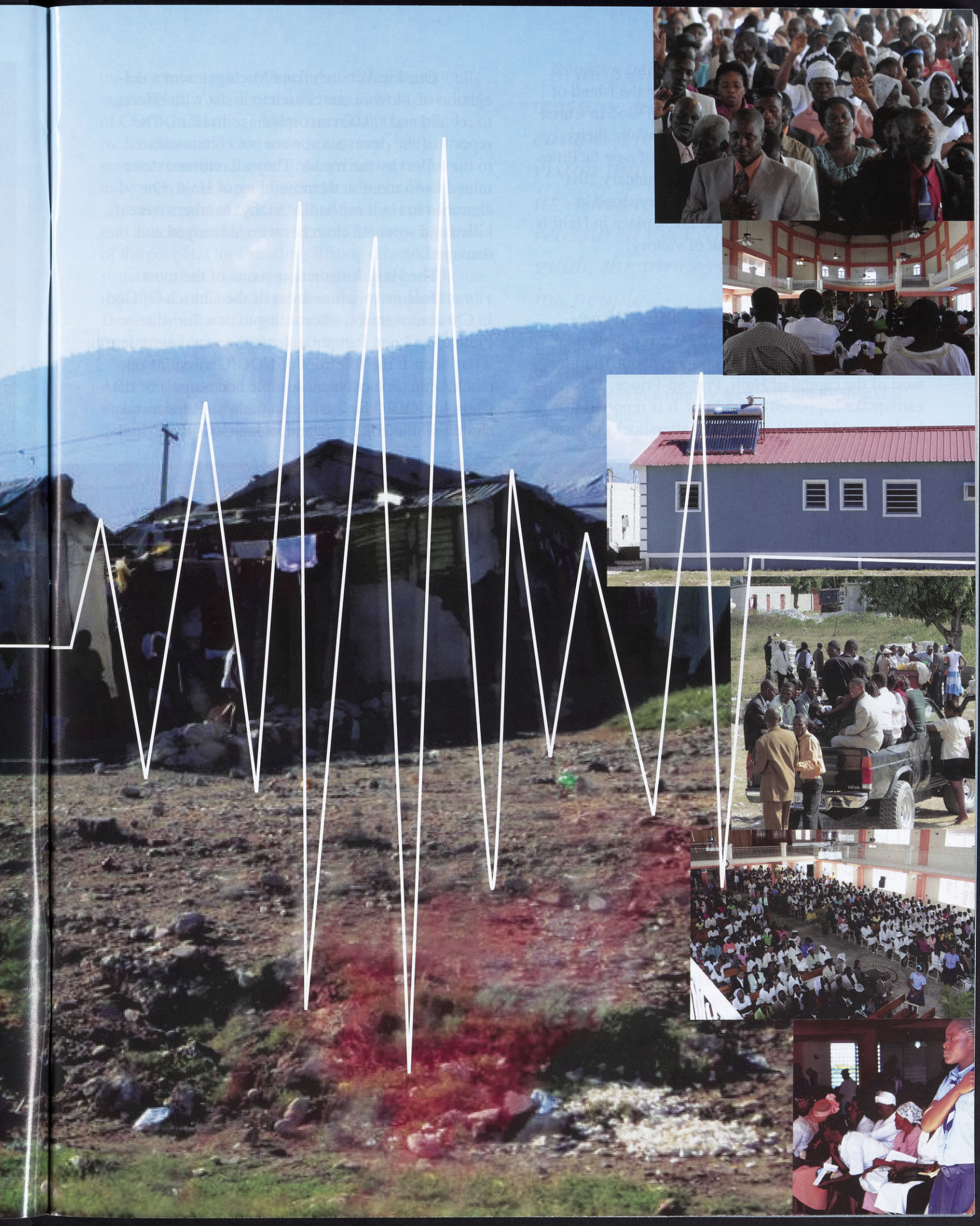
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From the Ashes:
The Rebuilding of A People

By David-George Newsome



Something wonderful, something awesome and something fantastic took place on the island of Haiti in January 2013. The Church Of God In Christ in Haiti celebrated a momentous occasion: their convocation and dedication services of new facilities built after the horrific earthquake in January 2010. By all accounts of the travesty that happened in 2010, the construction that has taken place in Haiti is reason for a thunderous shout of victory!

DISASTER STRIKES

On Tuesday, January 12, 2010, a 7.0 catastrophic magnitude earthquake occurred, with an epicenter near the town of Leogane, about 16 miles west of the capital of Haiti, Port-au-Prince. The earthquake happened at 4:53 pm. It is reported that by January 24, 2010, at least 52 aftershocks measuring 4.5 or greater had been recorded. Three million people were affected by the quake; more than 316,000 people died, 300,000 more people were injured and one million people were homeless.

The devastation was great, to say the least. More than 250,000 residences and 30,000 commercial buildings collapsed or were severely damaged. This damage occurred in a country that is the poorest in the Western Hemisphere. Haiti is no stranger to disaster. In the summer of 2008, a tropical storm and three hurricanes hit the island causing 800 deaths. Hospitals and other vital facilities were all damaged by the quake leaving Haiti unable to respond to the tremendous needs. Roads were blocked or destroyed which caused aid to be hampered. The communication system was damaged limiting the ability to coordinate efforts. Assistance was delayed and people turned to looting.

Our local church from Michigan sent a delegation of 14 from our church to assist with efforts to rebuild and sustain an orphanage in Haiti. The reports of the devastation were not communicated to the fullest by the media. They all returned determined to do more in the rebuilding of Haiti. Our churches in Haiti report that many members were killed and some 45 churches were destroyed and damaged.

The Haiti Jurisdiction is one of the most vibrant foreign missions areas of the Church Of God In Christ movement. According to new Jurisdictional Prelate Dr. Leon Pamphile, from the very beginning, it has been at the forefront of COGIC missions outreach as the first overseas-established outpost of the Church. COGIC has also been the first Pentecostal church planted on the island in January1929. "In the course of its eighty-four years of existence," Bishop Pampile stated, "the Haiti Jurisdiction has established 120 churches with a membership approximating one hundred thousand." There has been tremendous devastation, Bishop Pamphile continued, "Yet our people have proven to be resilient and steadfast as they keep relying on God's grace and power."







Shortly after January 12, 2010, Presiding Bishop Charles Edward Blake, Sr. made an urgent call to the members of the Church Of God In Christ across the globe to come to the aid of our dear brothers and sisters in Haiti. The saints responded to the urgent call. Bishop Jerry Wayne Macklin of California, our Second Assistant Presiding Bishop, was appointed by the Presiding Bishop to chair the relief effort for Haiti. More than $400,000 was committed to the Haiti Relief Project through COGIC Charities, Inc.,

the benevolent arm of the church. Elder James Pullings of New York directed the relief effort on behalf of COGIC Charities. More than 60,000 people received medical care and the necessary help to recover from the disaster. Many lined up at 3am to be seen by volunteers from the US and Haiti. The assistance of COGIC Charities was transformed into a more durable effort to meet the ongoing needs of the people. Our Presiding Bishop directed the construction of a clinic, an orphanage and a guest house to lodge our missionaries when they visit Haiti. Deacon Jon Randall oversaw the construction of these buildings over the past year.

After the conclusion of the Annual Leadership Summit that was held in Atlanta, our Presiding Bishop led a delegation of 20 persons, including Bishop Macklin,

"Bishop Blake delivered a powerful message for our national convocation. He articulated the divine vision that Haiti will rise up from its ashes to the glory of God. He reassured everyone that God will guide the process of elevation of his people.

Bishop Blake's presence has been such a tremendous blessing for our superintendents and pastors. He blessed them in a mighty way. We are all thankful for his kindness."



Bishop and Mrs. George McKinney, Bishop Carlis Moody, along with several pastors and saints from the US. Bishop Blake presided over the dedication ceremony that took place on January 26, 2013. "It was such an inspiring service, animated by music from a local church group, and especially the beautiful singing of the girls of our orphanage," Bishop Pamphile recalls.

Hearing Bishop Macklin's recollection of the Sunday morning service was inspiring. There was a one hundred voice choir, a more than 50 piece orchestra and more than 2500 persons present for the service. "Any Bishop would love a service like that on Official Day. It was truly amazing. Bishop Blake preached a powerful message. It was great because Bishop Pamphile provided interpretative services for Bishop Blake's message." Bishop Pamphile continued,

THE COMPOUND

During what was referred to as VISION 2000, a beautiful cathedral was built in Haiti. This cathedral seats more than 2500 persons. Bishop Emeritus Lopez D'Autruche, who served as the Prelate of Haiti from 1974 to 2011, was the visionary leader at the time of the building of the cathedral. The original orphanage that was in Haiti was severely damaged by the earthquake and was torn down because of its terrible condition. The nearly 60 young ladies who were living there were relocated.

As part of the rebuilding process, additional land was bought near the cathedral. A wall was built around the entire plot of land and four additional buildings were built forming what is commonly referred to as The Compound. It is easier to secure all buildings behind this wall.

In addition to the cathedral, COGIC now has a school, orphanage, medical clinic and guest house due to the generosity of those who supported and responded to Bishop Blake's urgent call. All of the buildings have been built with steel from the US, according to US Earthquake Standards. These buildings should serve the people of Haiti for many years to come!

The school, now known as the Moody School, named in honor of Bishop Carlis S. Moody, the long-time President of the International Missions Department who for more than 30 years has labored in the foreign field, was built in partnership with DigiCell, the cellular company of Haiti. DigiCell provided many of the resources necessary to complete the school building.

The orphanage, after more than 50 years, had to be replaced because of the earthquake's damage. It is now a lovely, two-story, ultra-modern building and was furnished by a sizeable donation given by a family from Bishop Moody's church in Evanston, Illinois. 60 young ladies have been in the facility for little more than a month now.

The guest house will house volunteers, teachers, doctors and others who go to Haiti to provide valuable services in their ongoing efforts to provide for the many needs of the Haitian people. This guest house is important because travel to and from the hotel can take up to 2 hours each way. Volunteers then lose precious time being transported and sometimes, transportation is limited. The guest house will accommodate 12 to 16 people. It is a modern facility with air conditioning in each bedroom, as well as internet access. Furnishing this building is an immediate need, as volunteers are scheduled to return in June 2013. Bishop Macklin estimates a cost of nearly $20,000 for furnishings..

The medical center has been located near the road on the property and it also needs to be equipped. It will have an on-site lab with the necessary equipment to do testing, etc. It is estimated that the cost will be between $25,000-$30,000. On the COGIC website there will be a list produced with the specific equipment needed. The medical clinic has become an important source for the continued health care needs of the people of Haiti.

In addition to the more than $400,000 raised through COGIC Charities, Bishop Blake was led to raise an additional amount of money at the end of the Leadership Conference, which totaled $60,000. More than 60 pastors present at the convocation and dedication in Haiti received $300 each. Also, a fund of $50,000 has been established to assist with the rebuilding of the COGIC churches in Haiti that were damaged by the 2010 earthquake.

THERE'S MORE TO DO!

Bishop Macklin is hopeful that US churches will partner with the national church to provide additional support to churches in Haiti, initially, then across the globe. Bishop Blake refers to this new concept as the Shares Program. Churches will be able to monitor the progress via the internet of their partnership in a foreign country. Funds will be distributed in installments and only renewed when the current project is completed. US architects and engineers will review all projects to determine worthiness.

Bishop Pamphile remains encouraged. "The Haiti Jurisdiction remains a thriving jurisdiction. The needs are, however, overwhelming. The pastors are still striving to rebuild their destroyed churches; yet it is encouraging to notice the effort of everyone to make something happen even out of nothing. The reconstruction of the churches is the priority for our jurisdiction. We are coveting the prayers and support of the saints in the US."

Finally, Pamphile shared a futuristic view with us: "Through the telescope of faith, we are already looking forward to the centennial anniversary of the Church of God in Christ in Haiti in 2029. We launched last year a Theological Training Center to equip our pastors and workers. We are about to launch this fall a branch of the local Jean Price-Mars University on our grounds. We are looking for the continued support of our brothers and sisters in the US to make these plans a reality for the benefits of our young people and the advancement of God's Kingdom. We stand on the promises of Luke 1:37 that "nothing is impossible with God."

Bishop Macklin encourages every member of the Church Of God In Christ to follow the progress of mission projects on www.cogic.org. The goal is for 20,000 people to become a member of Mission:7. For just $7 a month, through automatic deduction, members can support churches in Haiti and around the world. Next, it is the desire of the Presiding Bishop that every church in the US adopt a church in Haiti. This program will expend to other parts of the world but Haiti will be the starting focus this year. Churches will be able to meet the specific needs of a specific congregation. This program will be introduced soon



online. It is the desire of Presiding Bishop Blake to get many more people involved in missions.

Bishops Macklin and Pamphile both offered tremendously sincere appreciation for the leadership of the Presiding Bishop who according to Bishop Macklin "has a tremendous love of people, not only in this country, but across the world. He is looking to take missions to the next level." Special recognition was also given to Bishop Carlis Moody, Deacon John Randall, the late Evangelist Dorothy Exeme' and Mother Pearl Page Brown, who received the Presiding Bishop's special award at the 2012 Convocation in St. Louis.

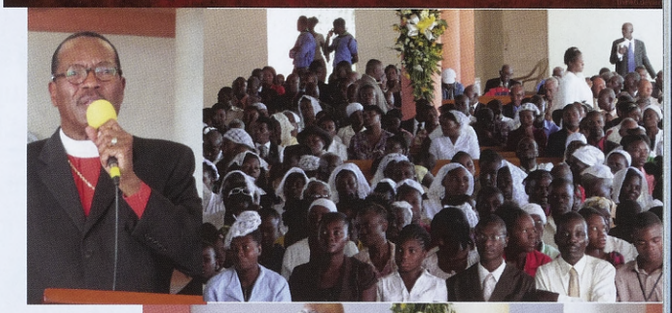
The Whole Truth encourages each of its readers to elevate whatever action they can take to make a difference in the lives of others. Mission:7 is a great way to get started! Sign up today to show your support for the vision.

Special thanks are extended to Bishop Jerry W. Macklin, Second Assistant Presiding Bishop and Bishop Leon Pamphile, Haiti Jurisdictional Prelate for their assistance. **TWT**

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Resilience & Strength *in* HAITI

By Twilla Amin Tanyi



I wasn't sure what to expect when I got to Haiti. I had heard stories of how devastated the island country was right after the earthquake. I had read about the political corruption that halted the country's development and had been warned about Haitian witchcraft. I heard just enough about Haiti to be somewhat nervous about what my experience would be.

The first moment I stepped foot on Haitian ground, an overwhelming sense of familiarity overcame me. I'd never been to Haiti nor do I have any Haitian ties. Yet and still I felt as if I had been there before. The people, the sights, the color and scents all reminded me of a place to which I've traveled frequently. Haiti reminds me of everything I love about the continent of Africa.

"Bonjour Madame! Bienvenue a Haiti."
I was greeted by my taxi driver.
"Merci," I replied as I exhausted my French vocabulary. "Parlez vous anglais?"
"Yes, madame."

His response eased my nerves and opened up room for conversation. As he navigated through the Haitian traffic towards the hotel, he gave me a quick tour of Port Au Prince. The streets were packed with street vendors, drivers, pedestrians, all sorts of people. To the untrained eye, there was no evidence that this country had just endured one of the most horrific experiences to face their nation. It was business as usual.

I asked the driver about the earthquake. He then started pointing out large pieces of broken concrete sitting on the side of the road. "After the earthquake, those filled the streets," he said. Looking at the concrete again, I realized that they were once pieces of buildings, houses and schools that were destroyed after the earthquake. These very pieces of concrete collapsed during the earthquake and in many instances, injured and killed thousands of people. I then started to notice that many buildings were still damaged, three years later.

I took the rest of my trip in silence as I watched the Haitian people continue on with the day. Music from the street filled my ride with sweet Afro-Caribbean beats, laced with Haitian-French Creole lyrics. If I closed my eyes, the music and the humidity would place me right in the middle of Cameroon, West Africa. The faces of these people strongly reflected the features and the cultures of so many other African countries I had visited.

Another thing Haitians have in common with the people of Africa is their resilience. The ride to my hotel was both reflective and sobering. Thinking about the realities that the Haitian people face on a daily basis and about their strength that helps them rise as a nation, past many of their difficulties, I can't help but to be in awe.

I knew of the work that COGIC was doing in Haiti but I had no idea to what extent. I must say, from the moment I stepped on the campus I was impressed. I'm not the type of person to be impressed by much but this project was more than I expected. In my line of work, I often see many orphan care facilities. Many of these projects excel their country's building and facility standards but often do not meet the standards of the United States. These buildings, however, do.

The buildings are gorgeous. The children are living in a beautiful two story facility with indoor plumbing and electricity. The girls are all well fed and well mannered, and most importantly, well taken care of. Just a few years earlier, these kids faced the horrendous experience of losing their home to the earthquake. Now, these girls have a beautiful place to call home.

They don't have to concern themselves about where food or water will come from. They don't have to worry about finding a safe place to lay their heads at night. They don't have to think about if they will have a meal or not. Because of the kindness of strangers, these children can have a normal childhood, focus on school and not have to think about the things that so many of their Haitian peers contend with on a daily basis. COGIC is a blessing to these girls.

I met many people from all over the states, from varied mission groups similar to COGIC and Save Africa's Children who are helping to rebuild Haiti. There are so many needs within the country that it will take all of these groups to help make a difference. However, by the end of the trip, I was very proud of the work and the impact that COGIC is making within the city. I would never hesitate to return to Haiti and help with the work. Maybe there will be room for me in the guest house. And maybe, just maybe the next time I am there, I will learn the secret to the Haitian people's strength. **TWT**

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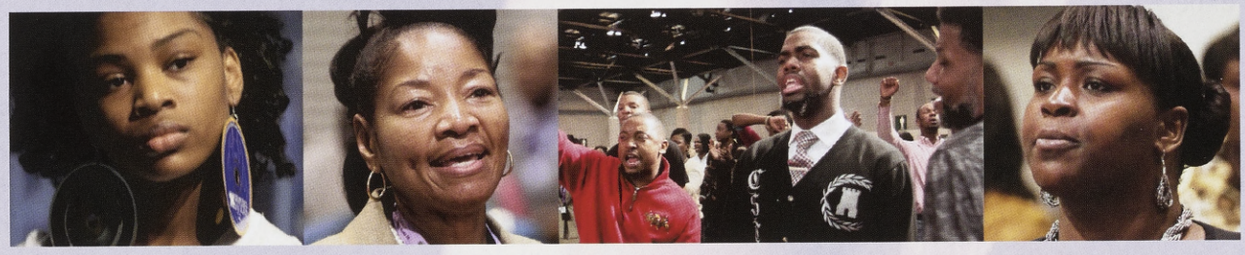
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VOICES OF INSPIRATION

Submit Nominations!

To mark the 118th year of The Whole Truth, the Church of God in Christ is saluting its members who unassumingly standout as "Voices of Inspiration" for all.

These voices are the ushers, deacons, choir members, secretaries, bishops, pastors and elders of the church; anyone that you feel is making a difference in their own church or community, and inspiring others to do the same. At The Whole Truth we want to know the "inspirers" of the church and introduce them to our readers.



Our goal is to discover and select various "Voices of Inspiration" in the following categories:

The UNSUNG HERO
Awarded to an individual who is a jack of all trades. This person can be found volunteering for the difficult, unpopular tasks that most are unwilling to do.

The GOOD SAMARITAN
Awarded to an individual who, whenever assigned a task, goes "above and beyond" the call of duty to get the job done well.

The COGIC KID
Awarded to a youth between the ages of 12-16 who is making a difference in his/her local church, district or jurisdiction.

The MOST INSPIRING SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER
Awarded in recognition of innovative teaching that inspires attendance, participation, and biblical growth in Sunday School.

The SEASONED SAINT
Awarded to a senior saint in the local, district or jurisdictional level who best exemplifies holiness and inspires younger saints to live a life of holiness and actively work in their church and community. Must be at least fifty years of age.

The JEREMIAH AWARD

Awarded to a person who, in spite of individual crisis and hardship, has dedicated his/herself to the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ, laboring unselfishly and in obscurity within his/her church and community.

MASTER OF MOTIVATION

Awarded to an individual who possesses the ability to get any and all tasks done with ease, ensuring cooperation of those in their auxiliary or group at the local, district or jurisdictional level.

GRAND GUARDIAN(S)

Awarded to the parent(s) who has made personal sacrifices in his/her own life to ensure the training and nurturing of their child or children.

The GREAT COMMISSIONER

Award given for outstanding and noteworthy community outreach efforts by an individual serving as a representative of his/her local church.

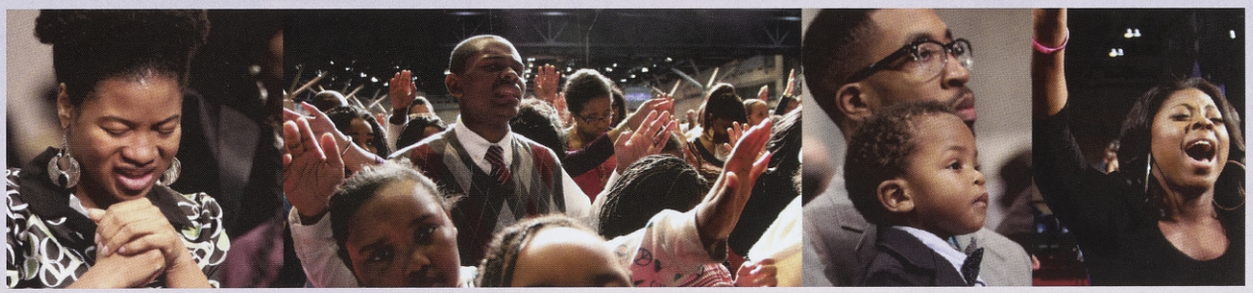
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Awarded to an individual who preaches the unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ at every chance and opportunity.

PRESIDING BISHOP C. E. BLAKE, SR. LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Presiding Bishop C. E. Blake, Sr. Leadership Award is presented annually by the Presiding Bishop, to a person or group of persons who:

- exemplify loyalty, dedication and commitment to God, His Church and their assignment in the Church Of God In Christ,
- consistently serve to ensure that the Presiding Bishop's Vision for COGIC is carried out in a most excellent way,
- regularly exhibit enthusiasm and grace to every assignment and interaction with people within and outside of COGIC, show an understanding of the Mission, Vision and Principles of COGIC.



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ELIGIBLITY: Demonstrates a life that exemplifies the fruit of the spirit and a witness for Christ.
Has shown dedication to the auxiliary, office, position, and/or church group (e.g. choir, ushers, etc.) that he or she serves or participates in.
Has outwardly demonstrated a genuine love for the Lord.
Loyal, dedicated, obedient and supportive member of their local Church of God in Christ (COGIC) congregation.
Adheres to the teaching of holiness.
Open to members of COGIC churches worldwide.

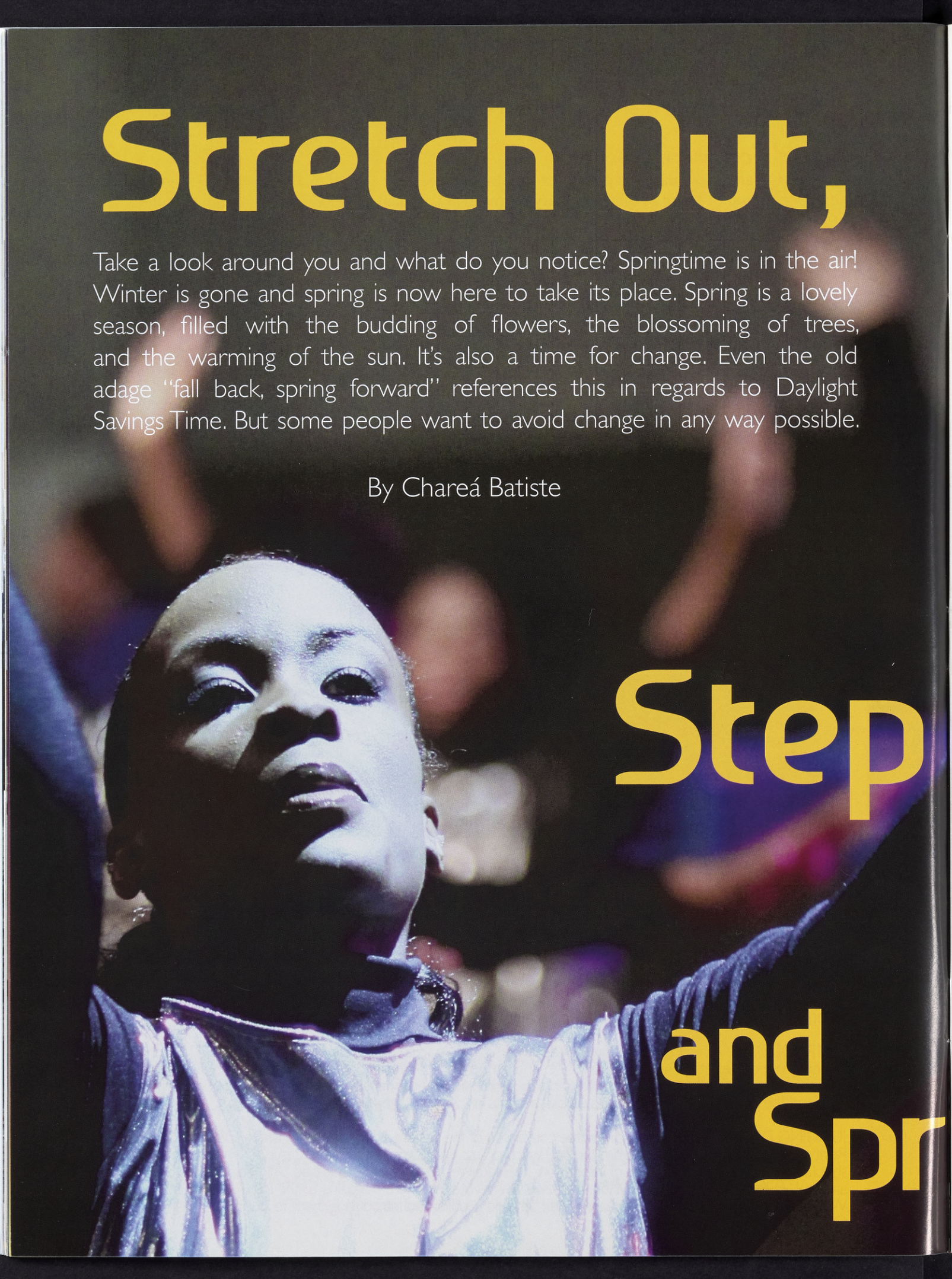
ENTRY DETAILS: All entries must be received in the The Whole Truth mailbox **at www.cogic.org** by 11:59 pm Eastern Time on Saturday, August 31, 2013. An entry must be a completely original work and not previously published or submitted in any other publication. By submitting an entry, entrant acknowledges that he/she has obtained the consent of all third parties whose persons or property are identified in his/her story.

JUDGING DETAILS: A selection committee comprised of the writers, editors and staff of the COGIC Public Relations Department will select from the 500 word or less essays you present that describe why your nominee should be selected as a true voice of inspiration. Individual results will not be released. All decisions by the judges are final. In the July issue of The Whole Truth, we will devote the entire magazine to the inspirers of our church. We will honor these individuals by sharing their detailed profiles and introducing them to our readers as COGIC's "Voices of Inspiration."

Stretch Out,

Take a look around you and what do you notice? Springtime is in the air! Winter is gone and spring is now here to take its place. Spring is a lovely season, filled with the budding of flowers, the blossoming of trees, and the warming of the sun. It's also a time for change. Even the old adage "fall back, spring forward" references this in regards to Daylight Savings Time. But some people want to avoid change in any way possible.

By Chareá Batiste



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ring Forward!

We, the saints of God, struggle with change as well. It's easy to find ourselves getting stuck in a rut. We sometimes go through our daily routines without so much as a thought. We may not even realize we're in a rut until someone tells us otherwise. Why might this be? Well, one reason may be because we associate change with something negative. Or, we might be afraid of change because it seems to disrupt our safe traditions. But God believes in change and so should we! To help get us started, here are three ways we can embrace change in our lives:

1. Stretch out! In the Church of God in Christ, we honor long-held positions and titles, and there is nothing wrong with that. However, we must also evaluate if we are being effective where God has placed us. If you have been doing something for many years but you dread doing it or you don't do it well anymore, then it could be time to move on to something else.

You should not feel remorse or guilt in coming to this revelation. Of course we need to be prayerful and make sure God, not just our own self, is telling us to move. Although Romans 12:2 references conforming to the world, it is also relevant for this situation. It says "...be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (KJV). If we are transformed and our minds are renewed, we will be able to know what God's will is for our lives. But that means we must maintain a solid relationship with Him so that we can clearly hear His voice.

2. Step forth! Maybe you've been hiding, sitting down on the calling God has for your life. Has everyone told you that you have a beautiful singing voice, but you're afraid to lead a solo in the choir? Are you a gifted praise dancer or musician, but you're scared of being in the spotlight? Has God called you to preach, but you keep pretending He's speaking to someone other than you? Then it might be time for you to step forth! It's not an accident that God put that burning desire in you, so don't ignore it. Remember the prophet Jonah? God specifically told him to go to Nineveh and preach about repentance. Jonah, though, was scared and tried to run away from God. We all know that didn't work out well! When God calls us to something new, we just need to be obedient and follow His lead. Part of Isaiah 43:19 says it this way: "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?" God wants to do something new in you, but do you want something new too?

3. Spring forward! Your past is your past, and there is nothing you can do about it. All you can do is move on and focus on your present and prepare for your future. If you've been reliving old failures, former disappointments, and previous regrets, then you're letting your past control you. The moment has arrived for you to get on with your life. Living in the past is harmful to your emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being. If you're stuck on what has happened, you can't progress to what's happening right now! You must spring forward! Philippians 3:13-14 says, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Just forget about the former things and move ahead to the better things!

If God has made it so that even the seasons change, then we must change too. Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV) states, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." God has placed all of us in a season, though we're not all in the same season at the same time. It takes God's wisdom to know what He wants for our lives. We must be prayerful and listen carefully to what God is saying. We must meditate on His Word and treasure the nuggets He places in our hearts. If we do these things, then we will be on board with what God has in store for us. We must not become complacent, lazy, or scared in regards to change. Instead, we must embrace it, knowing that God expects us to grow. We cannot grow if we do not change. So take a deep breath, and get ready to stretch out, step forth, and spring forward! **TWT**

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Discovering the Wellness in You

By Leonitta Turner

Perhaps you attended watch night service, witnessed the ball drop in Times Square, or enjoyed a quiet evening with family to celebrate the arrival of 2013. More than any other time of the year, we decide to act on, engage in or change something to significantly enhance our lives.

Despite good intentions, before the Easter meal is celebrated, many of us will have abandoned our resolutions. In fact, John Norcross, distinguished professor of clinical psychology at the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania estimates that 50% of the people who make a resolution do not keep it.



Although we are aware that our bodies are spiritual temples, we do not treat them that way. Instead of honoring our bodies, we mistreat them by adhering to poor eating habits and basking in physical stagnation. These two factors alone have been a major factor in the continued rise of preventable deaths. The numbers are staggering. The latest numbers reported by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC.gov) confirm that more than 129,180 Americans died from stroke, a stress related disorder. 68,905 Americans died from type II diabetes, 573,855 from cancer, and the number of Americans who died from heart disease is no better. More than 595,444 Americans died from heart disease in 2010 at a total cost of $190 billion. Although 2011–2013 statistics have not been released, the numbers are projected to increase. The data poses many challenges and concerns for government and corporate America. That is why The Affordable Care Act of 2010 was such a crucial piece of legislation and corporate wellness programs are on the rise.

Affectionately known as Obama Care, the major goal of the Affordable Care Act is to provide insurance to all Americans and to reduce the overall cost of medical spending. Although skeptics contend that Obama Care will increase the cost of medical insurance, prior to 2013, significant Obama care mandates resulted in better health care for many individuals. Obama Care ensured that:

- Individuals could not be denied coverage for preexisting conditions.
- Children under the age of 19 could not be classified as having preexisting conditions.
- Children under the age of 26 could stay on their parents' insurance.
- For non-grandfathered corporate plans, physicals, well woman's exams and colonoscopies were made available, free of charge, to the insured.

2013 ushered in Health Insurance Exchanges (HIX). The exchanges are open to low to middle income Americans, provide a reduction in Medicare Part D (aka the doughnut hole), and eliminate employer's deduction for Part D retiree drug subsidies.

If you have medical insurance coverage through your place of employment, chances are you have seen some significant changes in your health plans over the past several years. As medical costs continue to rise, employers and insurance companies are partnering together and offering wellness initiatives to mitigate the high cost of health care. Many employers incentivize employees to participate in wellness programs through prevention and intervention programs. Some programs are punitive while others offer rewards.

For example, in exchange for a lower premium, your employer may request you to attend training if you have a chronic health condition, participate in a biometric health screening or take a personal health assessment (PHA). **Biometric screenings** consist of a short health examination to determine your risk level for certain diseases and medical conditions. The exam may include a blood draw. The blood would be tested analyzed for diseases and illnesses that carry a high risk factor. A health risk assessment is less invasive. Participants complete a scientifically designed survey or questionnaire to identify health risks. The data also outlines information to assist you in making changes that positively impact your health and can help mitigate chronic diseases.

Although many employees see this as "big brother" intervention, such programs make sense for you and your employer. Employers benefit from higher productivity, decreased absenteeism and lower costs. You may benefit by inheriting a longer life span and a better quality of life. If administered properly, biometric screens and the PHA can help determine your risk factors and provide you with a baseline for devel-

oping a plan of action before a health crisis occurs.

Early detection of the diseases listed above would significantly reduce the number of people who die from them. However, fear of genetic profiling and the belief that employers are trying to evade private lives keeps many people, especially the Millennials and Generation Xers, from participating in these worthwhile programs.

Some programs offer wellness coaching. The coach holds you accountable and provides counseling, healthy living tips and low cost intervention alternatives. Links to various internet websites help you manage chronic illnesses or address concerns before they become chronic. If it is too late for intervention, you may be offered a prescription regime at low or no cost to you. In some cases, intervention may require an operation that could extend your life by decades. If you are not an honorary member of the Silver Hair Club, these programs can help you to get there.

Being younger than 40 and in good health is not an excuse not to participate in work wellness programs. While the leading cause of death in young people is due to accidents, you may actually have a greater chance of dying in a car accident than of contracting heart disease. Of course we believe and know that God is in control and that our lives are ultimately in His magnificent hands. But by being proactive today, you may have some control over your health in the future. Just how much control is up to you.
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Prevention and intervention are game changers that promote a healthy body, soul, and spirit and now, more than ever, you have access to the tools necessary to win the game.

Conflict Within the Church

By Robert Day

What is Conflict?

Conflict is a state of actual or perceived controversy between one or more individuals or entities. We usually look at conflict in the context of two people arguing or having a disagreement. However, it's much deeper than just a single dynamic would imply. Conflict can be an internal issue within oneself and without mature introspection, it is hard to diagnose. Likewise, conflict can be an external problem between two or more parties of individuals or organizations. Without proper mediation or counsel, problems can continue for years and become a stronghold in one's life.

No matter which type of atmosphere that exists and contains conflict, we are usually aware that some type of oversight or correction of this socially-combative circumstance needs to take place. This is the reason why the fields of conflict management and conflict resolution are in high demand for expert trainers and facilitators today. Counselors, social workers, psychiatrists, life coaches, pastors, reality shows, and even talk show hosts are publically addressing conflict on the big screen in high volume.

... obedience to God's Word relieves us from the ultimate conflict of man ...

Practitioners whose purview extends outward to help with conflicting situations usually try to find some type of mutual benefit to remedy the situation. This creates a "win-win" solution and environment for all parties concerned. And, this method is usually recommended because families, churches, organizations and individuals alike are being affected in a detrimental fashion by an overbearing amount of conflict on a daily basis. This is in direct opposition to a "win-lose" answer to conflict in an atmosphere which is more acceptable in a corporate or legal culture.

Why is There Conflict?

There are many reasons in which conflict abounds, but the main reason is spiritual. We are living in a fallen world with the prevalence of sin intertwined in people's lives. However, this truth is unacceptable to the masses, because they don't believe or understand the Word of God, since it is spiritually discerned (1 Cor 2:14). However, the following list of secondary reasons explains our human psyche in a natural context, which helps non-Christian people understand at their level. People or groups can find themselves in conflict over facts, misinterpretations, bad communication, unrealistic goals, faulty methods or procedures, and many other factors like morals, values, standards, ethics, or principled matters. This is the reason leadership and management in most organizations tells employees not to have political, religious, racial, or sexual orientation discussions at work. Basically, this helps to avoid conflict by stopping something from being stated in an incorrect manner or possibly offending someone. And, an even more difficult and stubborn-centered conflict arises when people don't practice forgiveness, resolving issues, or confessing and repenting to God.

In retrospect to the world, the church does talk, teach, and preach about these issues and many more. Moreover, the church's members also experience the fallout of the elements of conflict in our walk of life. Remember, "We are in this world, but not of this world." And, "God allows the rain to fall on the just and unjust people, but also the sun to shine on both too." Therefore, we will have some non-confrontational days and some confrontational days filled with much conflict.

How Does the Church Explain How to Deal with Conflict?

Well, the church follows the Word of God, which gives the following remedies:

1. Don't Act Selfish and Worldly - James 4:1-2

(NASB) states, "What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel."

2. Don't Be Yoked with Unbelievers, but With Each Other - 2 Corinthians 6:14

states, "Come out from the midst of and be separate from unbelievers, apostates and the lawless. And what communion does the light have with the darkness?" Adherence to this scripture allows us to avoid conflict about anything relevant or irrelevant with people who don't believe. And, we should also avoid getting into conflict with one another because Hebrews 10:25 says, "Don't forsake assembling ourselves with one another, but exhort one another." Psalm 133:1 states, "Oh, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." We need to be bound together with one another in fellowship and unity under the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit!

3. Start at the Lowest Level to Resolve Conflict - Matthew 5:23-24

states, "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." We need to learn to make peace with one another first, before approaching God, and we will have many prayers answered; which won't be hindered by our actions. Our actions can keep us stuck in the same position for years, stemming from something as petty as conflict.

4. Navigate Carefully Through the Proper Channels with Two or Three Witnesses - Matthew 18:15-20

says, "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But, if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." Remember that words are established by two or three witnesses and we must learn to let things go, once we have tried our best to do things correctly, have practiced forgiveness, and prayed for ourselves, as well as the one we have conflict with in the church. Also, James 5:16 states, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

5. Mature Christians Help Those Who Need Assistance with Conflict - Matthew 5:9

says, "Blessed are the peacemakers: For they shall be called the Children of God." Christians who are strong in the faith, use wisdom in conversation and decision-making, and who will avoid becoming entangled in the conflict in which they are trying to help resolve, are well suited for the role of peacemaker.

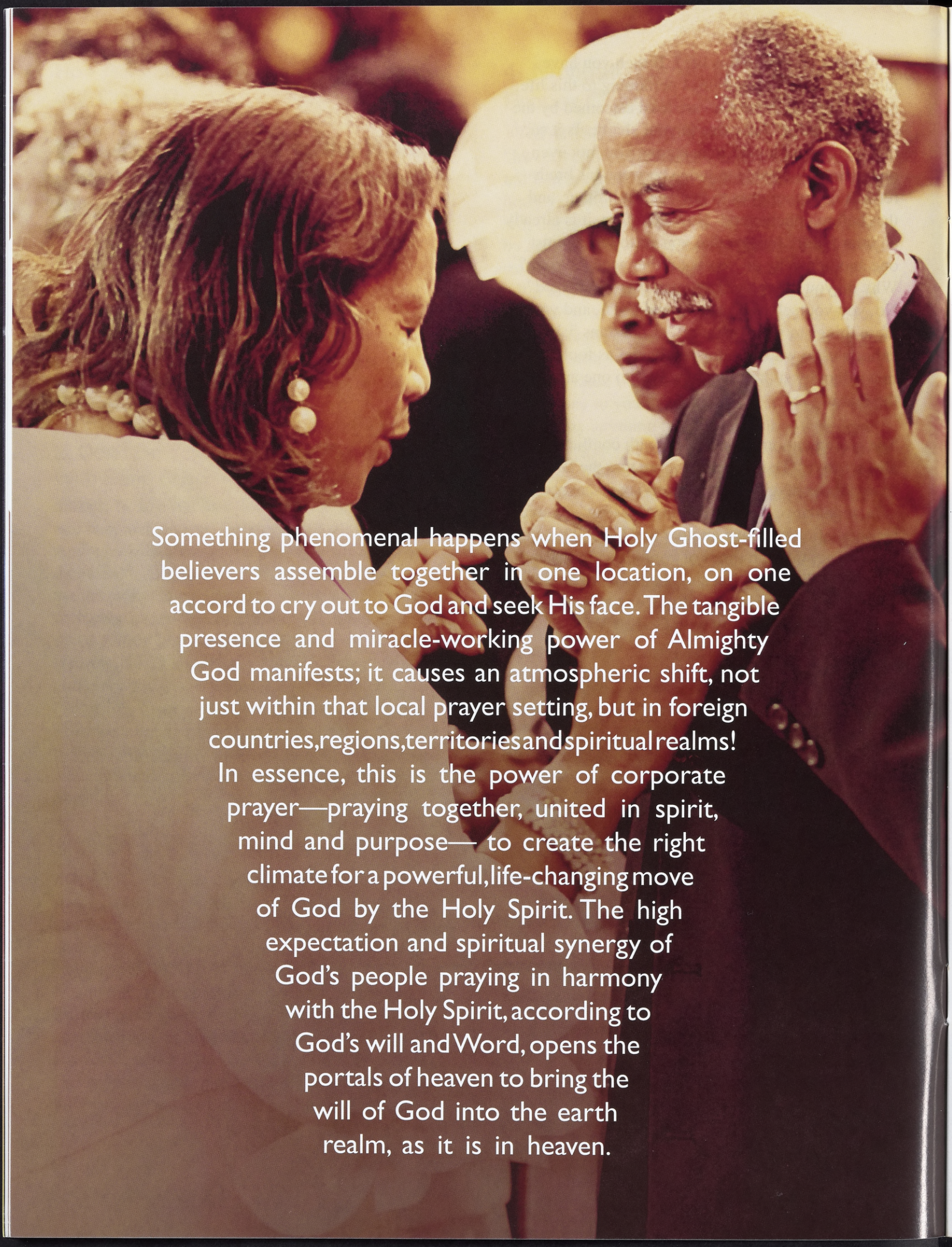
6. Christians Shouldn't Really Need to Take Each Other to Court – 1 Corinthians 6:1-8

states, "Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more,

things that pertain to this life? If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge? I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren? But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers! Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated? No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren!" Ephesians 5:15-21 exhorts us to walk circumspectly, not as fools, but in wisdom by submitting ourselves to one another in the fear of God.

The aforementioned list to deal with conflict is not all-inclusive. There is much more that the Bible has to say about making peace, resolving issues, confession, repentance, prayer, redemption from sin, and reconciliation with one another and God. These are ways to get through times of conflict with self and each other, but salvation and obedience to God's Word relieves us from the ultimate conflict of man; which is being at enmity with God. **TWT**

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Something phenomenal happens when Holy Ghost-filled believers assemble together in one location, on one accord to cry out to God and seek His face. The tangible presence and miracle-working power of Almighty God manifests; it causes an atmospheric shift, not just within that local prayer setting, but in foreign countries, regions, territories and spiritual realms! In essence, this is the power of corporate prayer—praying together, united in spirit, mind and purpose— to create the right climate for a powerful, life-changing move of God by the Holy Spirit. The high expectation and spiritual synergy of God's people praying in harmony with the Holy Spirit, according to God's will and Word, opens the portals of heaven to bring the will of God into the earth realm, as it is in heaven.



The Power of CORPORATE PRAYER

By Queen E. Phillips



The Bible makes it clear that God expects His people to pray. However, stipulations necessitate responsibility on the part of those who belong to God—the called out by His Name. The same conditional response to prayer recorded in II Chronicles 7:14, after King Solomon's temple dedication, is relevant today. "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." God's conditions for answering prayer have not changed. Perhaps what has changed over the years is a lack of commitment to prayer, which has limited the manifestation of God's power in our midst as in past generations.

In his book, The Prayer Ministry of the Church, author Watchman Nee said, "The measure of the power of the church today determines the measure of the manifestation of the power of God. For His power is now revealed through the church. God has put himself in the church. If she is able to arrive at a high and great position, the manifestation of the power of God can also arrive at such a high and great position. If the church is unable to reach a high and great position, then God too cannot manifest His power in highness and greatness." [1] Of course, the manifestation of God's power reaches its highest and greatest position through corporate prayer—a body of believers praying together on one accord.

I'm sure you agree that these are praying times. We are seeing and experiencing the perilous times Apostle Paul warned Timothy about (II Timothy 3:1). The spirit of prayer has been awakened in the Church of Jesus Christ! Praise God for leaders and laity who are taking advantage of modern technology, such as teleconferencing, to form prayer groups and conduct virtual prayer meetings and online prayer calls. However, we must not stop meeting together, praying and encouraging each other, especially as we see the day of Christ's return drawing near. There is an unprecedented flow of God's anointing and power when His people assemble together.

Jesus authenticated corporate prayer when He said, "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:19-20, NKJV).

After Christ's ascension, the Early Church learned firsthand about the power of corporate prayer. For example, it was during a corporate prayer that the Holy Ghost descended. "And when they had entered [the city], they mounted [the stairs] to the upper room where they were [indefinitely] staying... All of these with their minds in full agreement devoted themselves steadfastly to prayer, [waiting together]..." (Acts 1:13-14, AMPLIFIED). I often imagine how awesome it must have been when the 120 disciples entered that upper room. They probably didn't know how everything would unfold or even what to expect, but they knew they should stay together, wait and pray with expectancy. "When the Day of

Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:1-2, NKJV). Unity is the fundamental requirement for corporate prayer in the Church of Jesus Christ today. This equates to single-mindedness in purpose, agreement with God's Word, His will and way.

God is not impressed by numbers, right? Two or three in agreement and gathered together in Jesus' name are assured of His Presence. However, envision with me the magnitude of His power when a room is filled to capacity with fire-baptized, Holy Ghost filled, committed followers of Jesus Christ assembled in one place, on one accord, praying and seeking God's face. Can you see hands raised high as a sign of total surrender to God? Listen! Can you hear the heart cries, "Yes, Lord! Yes to Your will"? Can you hear the sounds of praise being offered with the fruit of their lips—altos, sopranos and baritone voices shouting harmoniously, "Thank you, Jesus; you're worthy, Lord; glory hallelujah"? The power and presence of God is so intense there's no denying the truth.

If we believe Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forevermore, then we should expect the greatness of His power to be manifested during corporate prayer settings. Based on scriptural examples, what can we expect to happen as a result of the power of corporate prayer?

1. A "suddenly" response from God in answer to prayer. Acts 16:25 records Paul and Silas in prison praising God and praying together (corporately) when "suddenly" there was an earthquake that shook the foundations of the prison. The doors flung open and everyone's chains were loosed!

2. A revelatory release of God's power and angelic assignments to release prisoners, and "miraculous deliverance" out of impossible situations, especially imprisonment (spiritually and physically). Acts 12:1-16 records the miraculous deliverance of Peter from jail. Note verse 5: "Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church"—corporate prayer. Peter's release from prison was a revelatory experience for him as to the power of God (Acts 12:11). God desires for us to have a revelation of the greatness of His power to deliver those held captive, whether physically or spiritually.

3. A release of God's power to vindicate His people, grant access, freedom, boldness and courage to advance the Kingdom of God. Acts 4:1-31 records an attempt to stop Peter and John from spreading the message of salvation in Christ (the Messiah). But instead of retreating, they prayed corporately. "...they lifted their voices together with one united mind to God..." (Acts 4:24).

Something phenomenal happens when Holy Ghost-filled believers assemble together in one location, on one accord to cry out to God and seek His face. It's time to experience the fullness of God's power as a result of corporate prayer (praying together as one) to release the supernatural power of God locally and abroad, in regions, territories and spiritual domains. Do you agree? **TWT**

[1] (Nee 1973, 18)

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GOD has a PLAN "B"

By Marion McNair

Are you fretting over a mistake you've made? Have you wished you could do it over? Do you feel that God will hold what you've done against you?

We all have had a lapse in judgment. Many of us stand at a crossroads pondering over the poor choices that have changed the trajectory of our lives. Bad decisions have caused some of us to experience fear so great that there is a constant pounding pain in the chest and a consuming burden so heavy we cry in agony. Looking back with 20/20 hindsight, we blink with regret.

The results of your decision were a devastating, life changing event. Now, you are convinced that your past failure will disqualify you from future success. Everywhere you go you are reminded of the catastrophe you caused or confronted by what happened to you. It is understandable how you feel but sitting around in self-pity is not the answer. As a Christian, know that at this stage of your life, you are in the right place and it is the right time for your miracle. According to Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV), "A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."

The Bible is replete with stories of men and women who lacked good judgment or suffered from devastating losses. Yet, God turned their situation around and worked everything out for their good. In other words, God has a Plan "B." The most notable personal disaster recorded in the Bible was the plight of Job. Through no fault of his own, he lost his children, friends, and cattle. Job remained humbled and God restored all to him.

We do not have to be perfect in order to receive God's assistance. When we mess up, all God wants is for us to confess our sin, mistakes, failures and come before Him with a contrite heart. King David was an adulterer. He sent Uriah to the battlefield to be killed to cover his sin of sleeping with Uriah's wife, Bathsheba. After David was confronted about his sin, he humbly acknowledged it. Psalm 51:3 states, "For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me." Sin has consequences. Although David was forgiven, the first child he had with Bathsheba died. But God's grace is sufficient to carry us on life's journey. David and Bathsheba later married and had a son named Solomon, who became a king.

In Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) God states, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Yet, God knew before you were born you would abort the plans He has for you. God is not angry. And He promised in His Word a solution. "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God..." Romans 8:28 (NKJV).

The prodigal son recklessly spent

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his inheritance. Eventually, he came to his senses, humbled himself and returned home. Although he was not given a second inheritance, he was allowed to work his way back to his wealth. So if you've lost your inheritance through bad decisions or trickery, stay humble and trust God for restoration.

Remember Joseph? His brothers left him for dead, but God's Plan "B" put Joseph in a position to save his people from starvation. Ruth was a poor widow. In God's Plan "B," a wealthy kinsman named Boaz took her as his wife. Peter lied, cursed and fought. But in God's Plan "B" Peter was transformed into a mighty man of valor, becoming one of the world's greatest apostles.

God created Adam and Eve to fellowship with Him. But Adam sinned against God. God's Plan "B" redeemed man from sin and reconciled him back into right relationship with God through the cleansing Blood of Jesus Christ. Some people believe it is too late for God to restore what they have lost. Statistics show a great number of senior citizens are clinically depressed from not succeeding in their lifelong dreams and aspirations. They have convinced themselves that they are all washed up. Many have simply given up and are waiting on the Lord to take them to Glory. Hezekiah was preparing to die but after humbly crying out to the Lord, God added 15 more years to his life.

Recently, I watched a show on TV entitled, "Welcome to Sweetie Pie's." It's a story about a former Ike and Tina Turner back-up singer, Miss Robbie. When her lungs collapsed, she could no longer sing. However, God put her on the road to Plan "B" and today, at the age of 72, she owns three highly successful restaurants.

Our Presiding Bishop, Bishop Charles E. Blake says, "If God can raise Jesus from the dead, there is no problem, situation, or circumstance that He cannot work out for you." So my brothers and sisters, it's not over. Philippians 4:6 (NIV) tells us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God."

No matter the test, the trial or situation, remember one thing: God will take care of you. There's a song we sing in church that states: "The Lord will make a way somehow, when beneath the cross I bow, He will take away each sorrow, let Him have your burdens now. When the loads bears down so heavy, the weight is shown upon my brow, there's a sweet relief in knowing the Lord will make a way somehow."

Remember your past victories when you knew that if it had not been for the Lord on your side, you never would have made it? Let that same faith in God quiet your spirit now, knowing that God has a Plan "B" and He will make a way out of no way, for you, somehow. **TWT**

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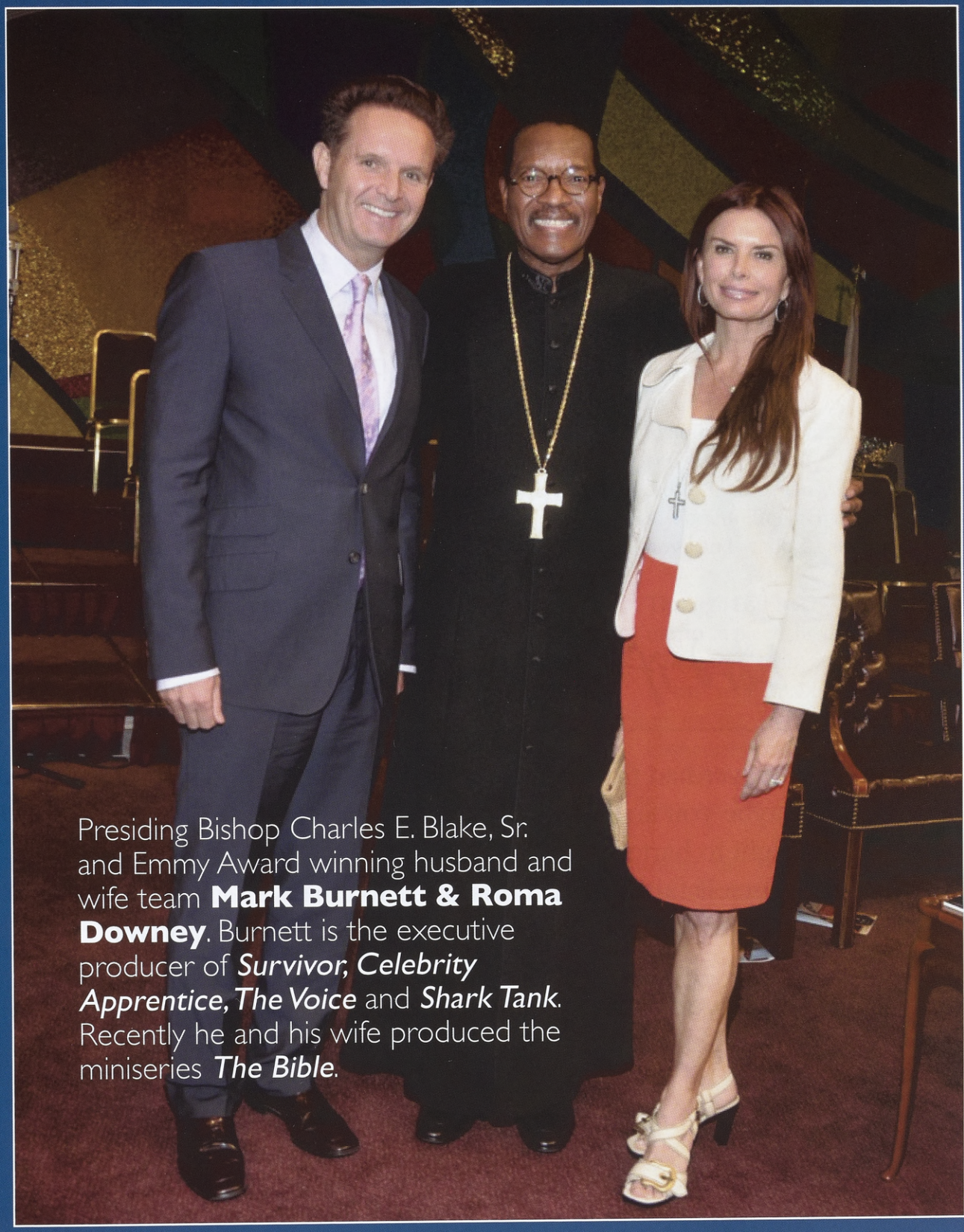
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A Fling with the KING

By Daniele Randolph



Lord if you... then I will...

Have you ever had this conversation or spoken these words to God? Maybe you arrived at a season in life where you felt you had the right to barter with the Master. Or maybe you instantly found yourself faithful and committed to "the way" in anticipation of God following through on His commitment to you. Whatever the case or scenario I ask that you be honest with yourself as you read through this article. And as I ask that of you...no different from times past, I will go ahead and unashamedly admit that this at one time was me.

I saw a lot growing up in the church, heard a lot and grew to a point in my relationship with God where I thought I knew a lot. I almost felt like an entitled "master saint" if you will. I was where I thought I needed to be and there was nothing in this life that God shouldn't want to bless ME with. I soon learned that the pain of this walk with Christ is going through day-to-day successes and struggles, mismanaging the beauty of this life called salvation.

On numerous occasions I have witnessed others (including myself) sticking to God like peanut butter to jelly with surmounting faith and high expectancy that the end result to a certain situation would turn in our favor. However, when the tables seemed to turn in the wrong direction, the connection with the Master seemed to come undone. Surmounting faith decreased to moderate faith and eventually, no faith. The commitment level dwindled, giving way to excuses of it being ok to skip a Sunday, to eat instead of fast and to avoid the Word of God altogether.

It is in the bleak period between surmounting faith and no faith that doubt sets in. One begins to question their godly efforts and the worth of living a life for Christ. I can say these things because that "one" used to be me. I came to a crossroads in life where I laid it all on the line. I gave my all to God in anticipation that He would hear the cries and speedily come to my rescue. I read the Bible more than I ever had, prayed, fasted, and found myself in church each time the doors opened believing that by doing these things, I would get what I wanted. As time went on and things weren't changing according to my stop watch, my faith started to diminish. I felt that all of my efforts were in vain and that God did not hear and or see a thing I was doing.

Let us remember the Word of God in Mark 12:30 and love the Lord God with all of our hearts, with our souls and with all of our minds.

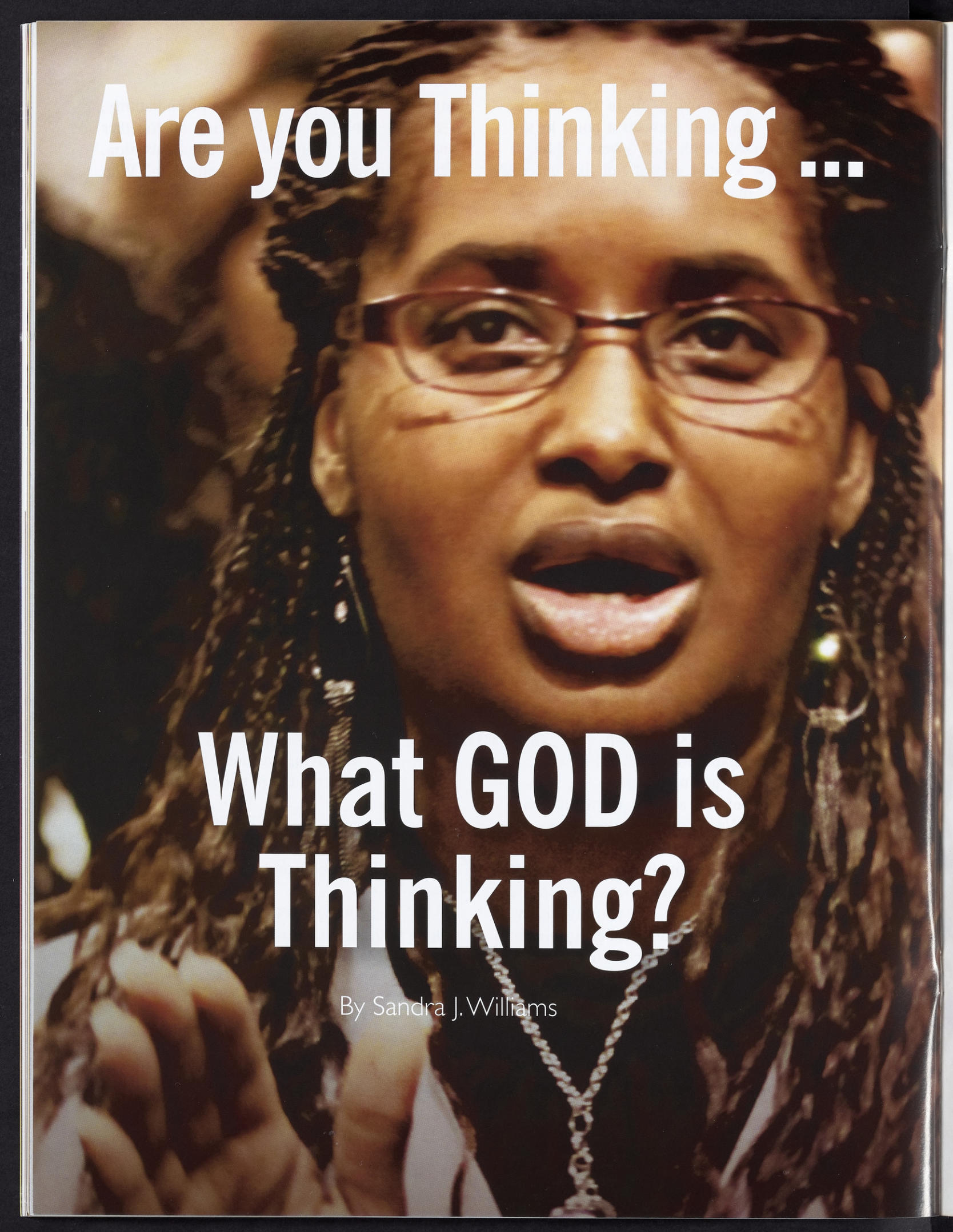
In what I now know to be a state of immaturity, I thought it best to stop believing all together and walk away from this life called salvation. Then it hit me...what would I believe in? Who could I call and count on when no one else was around? That time of reflection brought me to the knowledge that I am because God is. God is greater than any earthly desire. He is much more than our humanly minds could ever fathom. God loves us with a love so pure, so unconditional that afore time He sacrificed his son to redeem our now sinful selves back to Him. In return, God deserves more than our measly efforts to share in a relationship with Him when the time or situation is pleasing to us. God desires to be with us for more than just a season; He desires to have us for a lifetime. I encourage you to examine your relationship with God and ask yourself, "Am I committed to God because He's God, or is my commitment based upon what, how, and when I get what I want?"

Through His grace, God has brought me to a place in life where I love Him more than myself. No longer is my relationship about laying it all on the table in anticipation or exchange for what I want. Now I am laying my all before the Lord because He is what I truly desire.

Let us remember the Word of God in Mark 12:30 and love the Lord God with all of our hearts, with our souls and with all of our minds.

Today I encourage you to shift from having a fling with the King to enjoying a true romance with the Master. Believe me, there is nothing better! Be blessed. **TWT**

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Are you Thinking ...

What GOD is Thinking?

By Sandra J. Williams

"Let this mind be in you,

which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). How many times have you heard the phrase, "A penny for your thoughts"? Truthfully, our thoughts can cost us peace of mind.

Our natural bodies are quite responsive to whatever message our brains communicate. The body does not get up or lie down unless the brain first tells it to. We don't allow ourselves to go to work, sleep or eat dinner unless we first get permission from the brain.

Shouldn't it also be so with the body of Christ? The church is the body. The church should react to the thoughts coming from the head. Jesus Christ is the Head of the church. As a body, the church at large should be responding to His thoughts. Can you imagine the strides the church could make in faith by this obedience?

Thoughts are so powerful that they can govern our total being. The Bible declares in Proverbs 23:7, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Even when we don't understand certain situations, we must still think godly thoughts. Mary, the mother of Jesus didn't understand how she could become pregnant, but she allowed her thoughts to line up with what the angel of God said to her. Apostle Paul didn't think the situation looked good when he was tossed on a tempestuous sea in total darkness, yet he changed his thinking to act on the good news from the angel who declared that none would be lost; it was very reassuring. The Word of God carries a wonderful satisfaction once we believe it. We sleep better and wake up refreshed simply because of what God has said. His words carry power.

If we think we are defeated, we will live defeated lives. On the other hand, if we think we are victorious, we will operate in such a way. What happens when our mind is synchronized with the mind of Christ? What happens when we begin to think the way Jesus desires us to think? Our believing is governed by our thinking. Therefore we should think what the Word of God says. For example, Paul declares in God's Word, "I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me." When we think this way, our day brightens. We believe we can overcome every obstacle and complete every challenge. God thinks His Word because He is the Word.

Singers perform beautifully when they are in harmony. It's noticeable when one person is off pitch. Synchronized swimmers give a stellar performance because their movements are so precise. Therefore, there is nothing the body of Christ can't do when we think the way Christ has ordained for us to think. God thinks of us as over comers. He thinks we will complete our course. He thinks we will fight the good fight of faith. So before we can change our actions, we must change our thinking!

We need to ask ourselves daily, "Am I thinking what God's thinking?" Christians who live defeated lives are living beneath their privilege. There is a place in God where we can think as He does. These thoughts are found in the Word of God. God's thoughts are positive, life changing, and uplifting. Godly thoughts will get us through trials, tribulations and hard times. When we saturate ourselves with Godly thoughts, we move from "I think" to "I know."

The best advice is directly from God's Word in Philippians 4:8: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, **whatsoever things are pure**, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." **TWT**

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William Murphy

Who are you chasing?

By Sonya D. Bradford



Prophetic, declarative, encouraging and satisfying... These are some of the words that come to mind after experiencing William Murphy's latest project entitled God Chaser. And titled rightfully so. This musical offering expresses the sentiments of the heart – the heart of the believer pursuing the face of God.

It's no secret that the sound of authentic gospel music has been muffled over the years, but the messages embedded within the canticles of God Chaser are crystal clear. Pastor Murphy exquisitely amplifies the awesomeness of our God as he prophetically proclaims impending victory to the listener who may be dabbling in defeat. And there's more! There's an element of thirst entwined in this project too. The kind of thirst, admittedly, that can only be quenched by Jesus Christ Himself; the kind of thirst that keeps the seeker asking the Savior for more, hence, the "chaser."

It's evident that God Chaser was thoughtfully inspired with "you" in mind. Yes, you! The musical flavors flow to all walks of life and meet the seasoned saint, the babe in Christ, and everyone in between, right where they are. God Chaser is a gem. It's an assuring breath of fresh air and a must-have for the gospel music lover who still insists that "Praise Is What I Do."

My Favorite Tracks: "You Reign," "It's Working," "Already Getting Better," "Praying For You," and "Make Me Righteous" featuring Tasha Cobbs and DeVaughn Murphy. **TWT**

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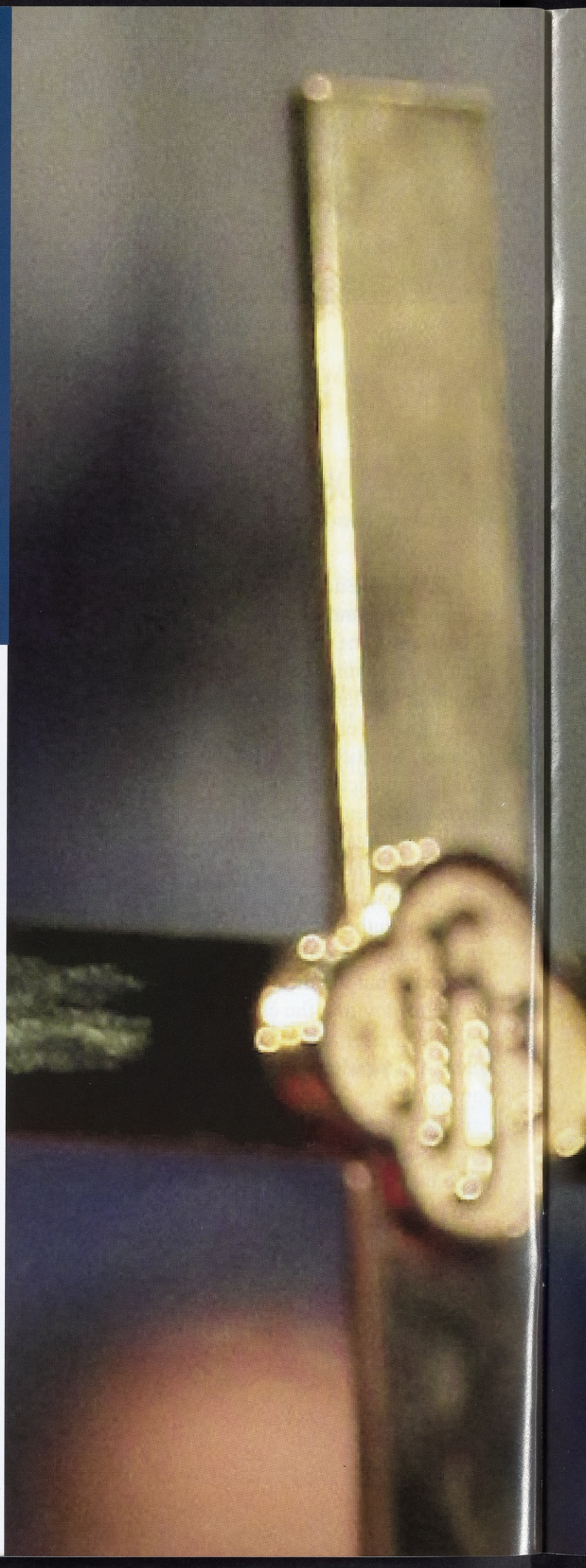
By Elder Rick D. Cunningham

The inner drive we have to succeed and be happy can oftentimes be the motivating factors driving our decision making process. While those end results are worthy of pursuit, the means by which some us achieve happiness and success can be questionable. The means by which we obtain success has a direct bearing on how we enjoy success. Solomon wrote in Proverb 22:10 (KJV), "The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." We can make choices in our lives that are mentally and spiritually healthy by using the tools that God has made available to us.

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- Wisdom
- The Power of God

These spiritual tools allow us to set goals and make decisions to achieve our goals without being contrary to behavior that God expects from us as His followers.



The way I personally view the Bible is that it is awesome. It is the God-inspired, written Word that He gave us to help us in this life and to prepare us for eternity. That's awesome! There is no situation that we will encounter in life that has not already been addressed in the Bible. God will speak to our hearts through his written Word. All we have to do is ask God for understanding of the Scriptures. We must be careful not to manipulate what is written to validate a personal agenda. "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 2: 20-21). We have unlimited access to God's written words of direction for our lives. We just need to read what God says about the choices we make.

Prayer is a great privilege that God has granted us, so that we can communicate with Him. The Highest Authority in existence has agreed to talk with us at any time and in any situation. "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6).

Making a wise choice does not have to be a struggle. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5). This was an encouragement and instruction given to believers in Christ who had to make some decisions concerning their personal conduct as well as their beliefs. One of the most ensuring aspects of God's wisdom is that it has good intentions and will not mislead you. "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (James 3:17). The ability to make a difficult decision can be found in the most powerful force there is. When God says you can precede, you can count on everything working out in the end. God is a Strong Leader who will guide you to do what is right according to His will. Who would you rather have on your side other than God? There is no one who can compare to Him.

"Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? And the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them. Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any (Isaiah 44:6-8 KJV).

We all have made poor choices and decisions whereby when we reflect back, we wish we had not made them. Fortunately, there is a way to break the cycle of poor decisions and choices. As a follower of Jesus Christ you are in a position to seek out the guidance of God in making choices. The decisions we make have consequences. By using the tools and gifts that every follower of Christ has available to them, we can make decisions that we will not regret. God wants what is best for those that believe in Him. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths: (Proverbs 3:6 KJV). **TWT**

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COGIC
HISTORY





BISHOP MASON'S OPPOSITION TO WAR

By Reginald Boswell





In 1907, Charles Harrison Mason called to convene ministers who believed in the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to the scriptures in Acts 2:1-4. This became the first Pentecostal General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ. Charles Harrison Mason was chosen unanimously as the Senior Bishop over COGIC and was initially incorporated with ten churches.

He was given complete authority to establish doctrine, organize auxiliaries and appoint overseers. "From 1909 to 1914, roughly equal numbers of blacks and whites came to him for ordination (in 1910 alone, Bishop Mason ordained 300 white Pentecostal preachers). During the formation at their first national convention in Hot Springs, AR (1914), Bishop Mason blessed the Assemblies of God, whose current adherents number more than 74 million world-wide. Bishop Mason wanted to see COGIC adopt the same vibrant and emotionally moving mannerisms that he had seen among former slaves, which were considered controversial—holy dances, ecstatic worship, and falling under the power of God." [1]

severe racism firmly established in America. "It is clear," the 1918 FBI file reports, "that Mason and his followers felt it to be far-reaching significance that one of the great religious movements of the 20th Century was founded by a member of the African race."[2]

While attacked on temporal and spiritual fronts, Bishop Mason said, "First of all prayer, supplications, intercessions, thanksgiving be made for all men, for kings, for rulers, for governors and all that is in authority; that we may lead a quiet peaceably life, with all godliness and honesty."[3] In this racial climate, a COGIC pastor in Blytheville, Arkansas (1918) was tarred and feathered after he made what local authorities described as "seditious remarks concerning the President and the white man's war."2 The grace of God allowed Bishop Mason's ministry to excel

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Bishop Mason preached allegiance to the United States and condemned the Kaiser after World War I broke out in Europe in 1917. COGIC's official doctrine was unmistakably pacifist. "We are opposed to war in all its forms," a church statement read, "and we believe the shedding of blood and the taking of human life to be contrary to the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ."[2]

Mason's interracial work and his pacifism brought him to the attention of the Bureau of Investigation, the forerunner of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), which kept a file on him during World War I in 1918. One form of persecution that arose against Mason, directed from the agency, focused upon white preachers of German descent under Mason's tutelage. In 1918, he was arrested and incarcerated in Lexington, Mississippi, because he had a German adjutant, Pastor William B. Holt.1 Federal agents confiscated Mason's briefcase and primary evidence found inside included a Bible, a handkerchief, and a bottle of anointing oil. The U.S. District Court in Jackson dismissed the case. In fact, the agents were less concerned about Mason's conscientious objector status than they were with his "inter-racialism."[2] The overt devotion of white ministers to black clergy during the early Pentecostal movement contradicted the walls of the church and spill onto the pages of history as he received the great mantle of leadership thwarted from Charles Fox Parham, also known as the Father of Pentecostal Movement in America. For Parham's pro-racist conformity, he was indeed denied being the chief of the greatest religious strains of the third Great Awakening in America.

Even among his peers Bishop Mason would later emerge as the solid leader among the sons and daughters of African American slaves, by making a clear distinction in following the principles laid by Jesus Christ. Bishop Mason's conscientious objector status paralleled his common respect afforded to all of God's creatures and serves as a harbinger of peace for all generations to come. **TWT**

1 http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net/charlesharrisonmason

2 Stomping Grounds (page 203-4), W. Hampton Sides, 1992

3 Bishop Charles Harrison Mason the Prayer, www.youtube.com

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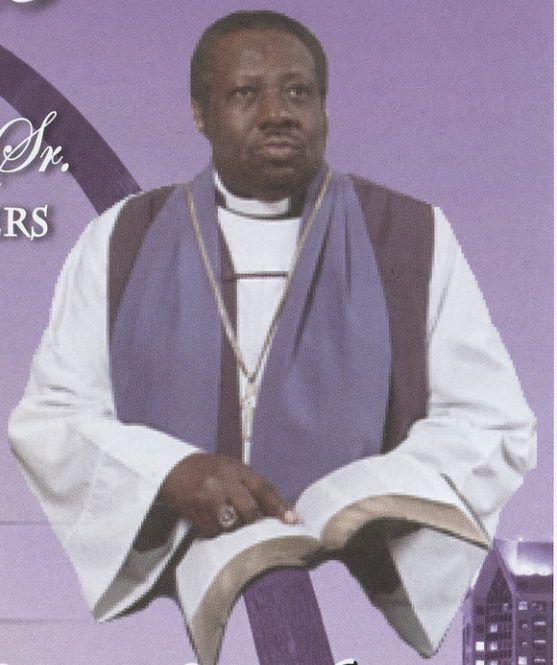
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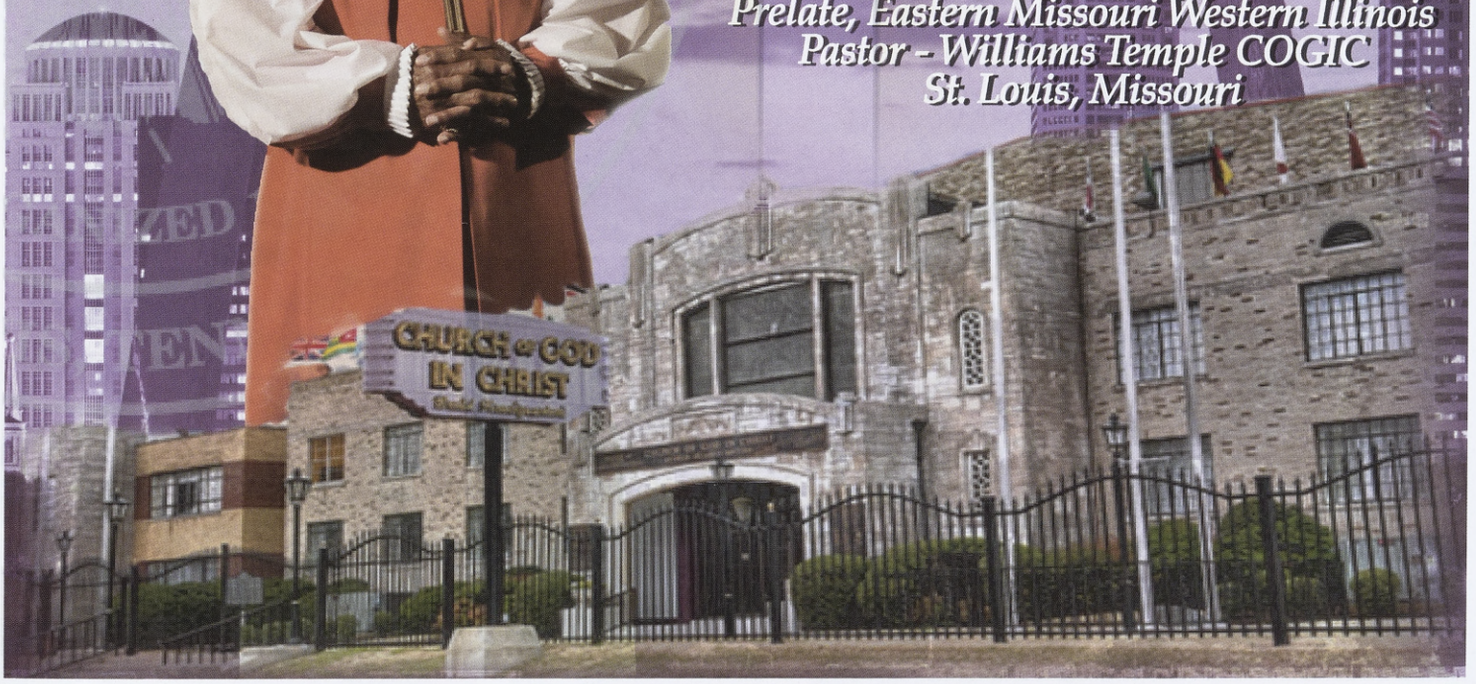




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Last February, a non-COGIC pastor in St. Louis was forced to eat her words after writing a message on her restaurant receipt questioning the 18% gratuity that was added to her dinner party's bill. Anyone who has ever gone out to eat in multitude knows that an 18% gratuity will be tacked onto the tab by default, ensuring that the server is fairly compensated for his or her service.

Light

Reflecting His Image

By Sonya D. Bradford

According to the Department of Labor's website (**www.dol.gov/whd/state/tipped.htm**), tipped employees receive a minimum hourly cash wage which varies from state-to-state. Imagine only earning a base pay of say, $3 an hour. Now imagine relying on the goodness of others for the rest of your salary (a la, the tip). It's an act of faith indeed! "Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them!" Luke 6:31 (MSG)

Fear not!

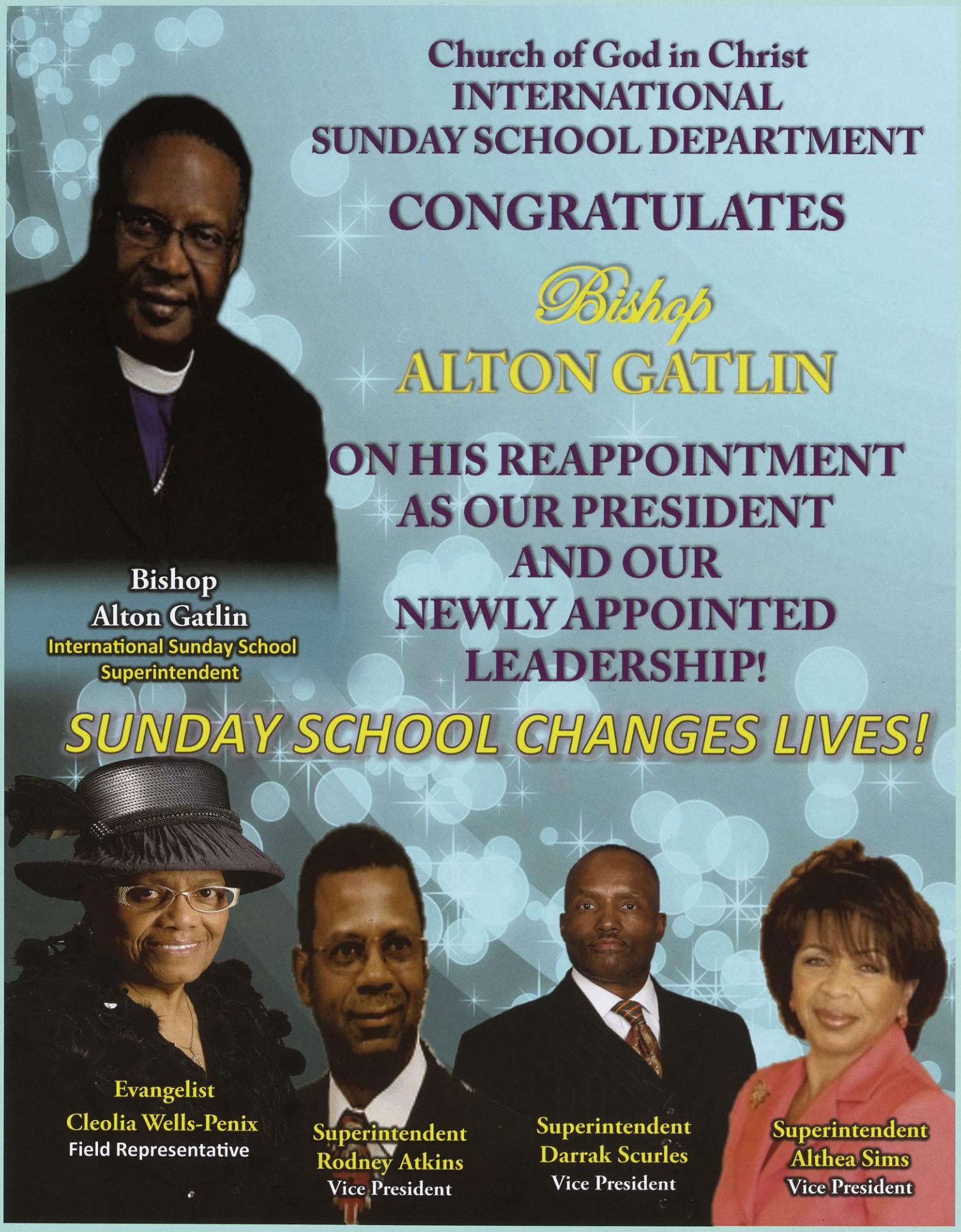
This article isn't so much about showing gratitude to your server as much as it's about being mindful of what we do and what we say wherever we are. In this smart phone-carrying, tablet-toting, iPad-packing society that we live in, anything we say and do can be recorded (or photographed) and posted online faster than one can recite "The Lord's Prayer." And if what is said or done is perceived to be negative, it finds a viral home on the internet, immediately bringing shame and reproach not only to the offender, but also to the family, the church and most importantly – to GOD. The apostle Paul penned a friendly little reminder in I Corinthians 10:31 (KJV), and it'll do us good if we constantly put it into practice: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

About 6 years ago, I attended the AIM Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. One late afternoon, my 4-year-old son and I walked down the street to a popular eatery to have dinner before evening service. To no surprise, the restaurant was teeming with delegates from the convention, and eventually a group of young teenagers were adjacently seated near us. In a matter of minutes, it became evident that these young people were without a chaperone as they boisterously "clowned" about the culture of our sanctified church. As I squirmed in my seat, my appetite waned and embarrassment began to set in. I very much wanted to go over and discreetly let them know that they were not representing us (COGIC) well at all, but wisdom told me to hold my peace! #1 - I didn't want to leave my son unsupervised, and #2 - I sensed that if I had said something, it wouldn't have been received, possibly causing a greater scene and doing more harm than good.

I shared all of that to simply say this: Let's not forget that "[we] are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid" Matthew 5:14 (KJV). This truth has been affirmed many times over; the world is absolutely watching us. Since we know that we're always on display, let's reflect the image of our Savior – both in and outside of church.

"So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image" 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT). **TWT**

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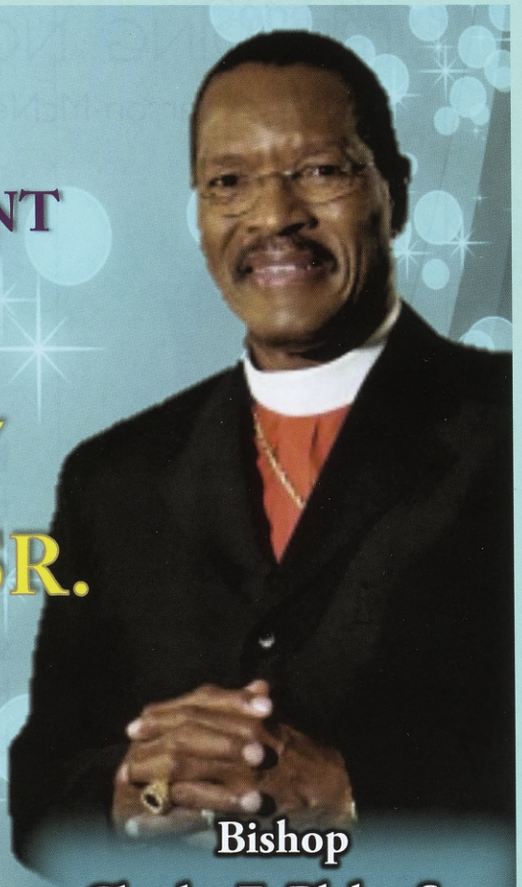
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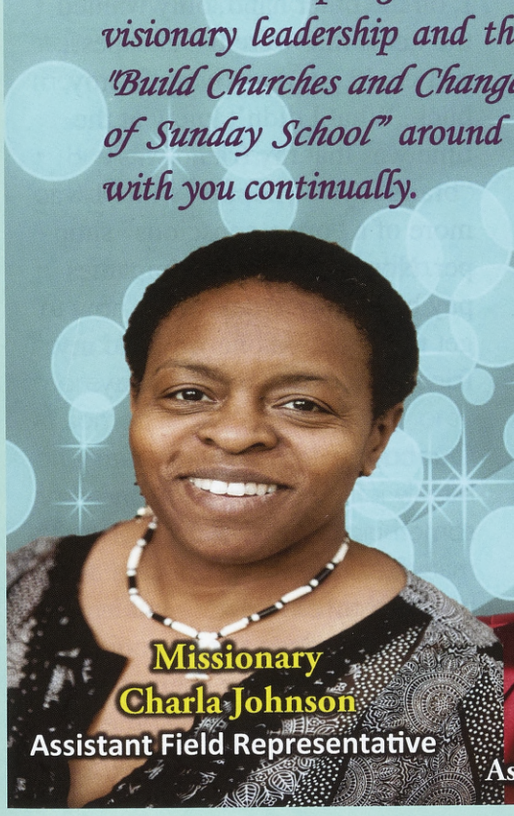
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We congratulate and salute our Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle, Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., the incumbent and newly appointed members of the General Board, our sainted General Supervisor of Women, Mother Willie Mae Rivers and our newly appointed Assistant General Supervisor, Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis for your continued outstanding leadership!

Thank you for the opportunity to again serve our great church! We pledge our unwavering support to your visionary leadership and the pursuit of our mission to "Build Churches and Change Lives through the ministry of Sunday School" around the world. Our prayers are with you continually.



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By Cheryl Pearson-McNeil



USING YOUR SUPER POWERS FOR GOOD

Ever wonder how companies decide what products to sell in grocery stores, which television shows to air or which features to offer on mobile phones? Well, actually, YOU tell them – with your purchasing habits, viewing behaviors and buying patterns. That's right. You have ALL the power, and like a super hero newbie, I'm betting you're not fully aware of it, or what to do with it once you know you have it.

Nielsen is the global information company, located in more than 100 countries, and we measure what consumers just like you watch and what consumers just like you buy. We provide this information to companies who count on us for it.

You may know of Nielsen as the company responsible for the TV ratings. We tell advertisers and local and national television executives what people are watching on TV. In most instances, we measure viewing behavior using an electronic device known as a People Meter. It is connected to the televisions of our Nielsen homes. (Your household is a Nielsen home only if you have given us your permission). We install the People Meter to every television, DVR and video console in your home and it then captures the viewing habits of every person (up to 16) in your household every 2.7 seconds. That's how we know what most of America is watching. Companies pay us for these insights.

What you may not be aware of is that Nielsen also collects insights, trends and data that tell our manufacturing and retail clients what you're buying, how much you're spending and where you're spending it, so they can better meet your needs when you're shopping.

You can tell a lot about a person if you go grocery shopping with them! In college I once went shopping with a friend who would only buy products that his mother had bought. He kept saying, "That's not what my mama buys, put it back."

I, on the other hand, only wanted the items that were the cheapest, so I could get more bang for my buck. What I didn't know at the time was that my friend was a "brand loyal" shopper, while I was more of a "price-conscious" shopper. Now I know that companies pay big bucks to determine how to get my attention one way and my friend's attention another way.

Our buying decisions are often heavily influenced by someone or something else. Advertisers and manufacturers and producers are hoping they can be your influence. So they pay close attention to how and what you buy or spend your time. Let's take a look at some numbers regarding the African-

American consumer and our super powers:

- There are 43 million Blacks in the United States. 54% (or 23 million) own a smartphone.

- Blacks talk twice the amount of time on mobile phones than whites: 1300 minutes a month vs. 600.

- Blacks watch 40% more television than any other group and prefer programs with diverse casts. Twitter is the most popular social networking site for Blacks.

- Black women ages 18-35 are 72% more likely to publish a blog.

- Black men are 19% more likely to check their investments online.

- Blacks make about 163 trips to buy grocery-related items a year, more than any other group.

- Blacks visit drug stores, dollar stores and convenience stores more than any other group.

- Brand names represent 82% of Blacks' household purchases.

- African-American Generation Ys (18-34) are more likely to spend time, on an average day, more engaged in social activities, at someone else's home and more often select radio, mobile phones and gaming consoles as their media of choice. While Baby Boomers (45-64), spend more time taking care of the elderly, watching more television and still prefer to read newspapers in print.

- By 2015, the projected buying power of Blacks will be $1.1 trillion.

But what does all of this mean? It means how you spend your time and your money is making somebody else money. So understand the sheer power of each and every decision you make every single day. It's really important that you take the time to get to know the companies you buy from or spend so much of your media time with. Do they give back to your community? Hire people who look like you? Don't be afraid to ask these questions first, and buy their products or watch their programs later – or not at all – if you don't like the answers. Now go forth into the world and use your newfound super power for good.

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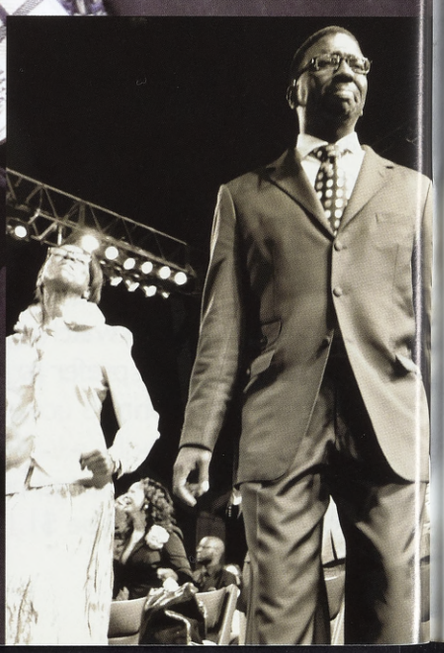
Chairman Linwood Dillard Propels 2013 AIM Convention to Higher Heights

By Superintendent Allen Cork

Dillard AIMing Higher!

As the International Church of God in Christ prepares to invade Baltimore with a mighty move of God to include training, worship, evangelism, discipleship, fellowship and service for men and women, boys and girls of all ages, the newly appointed International Chairman, Linwood Dillard, is demonstrating all facets of the ministerial and administrative skills that have become synonymous with his dynamic leadership.





Since January, when Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake named Superintendent Linwood Dillard as the new International Chairman of Auxiliaries In Ministry Convention (AIM), the AIM Family has hit the ground running with new staff, delegate registrations, media blitzes, contract negotiations, facility walk-throughs, social networking... and Baltimore knows it! Dillard succeeds Bishop J. Drew Sheard, who was recently elected to the General Board of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

Dillard, the former president of the International Youth Department and pastor of the Citadel of Deliverance Church of God in Christ in Germantown, Tennessee, is a man of outstanding abilities who has served in many capacities at every level of the church and as such, brings a myriad of administrative and organizational skills to bear. The International Vice President of AIM, Pastor Carl Pierce, recently said, "Dillard revolutionized the youth department with his organizational abilities, forward thinking, confident disposition, and all-inclusive personality as he impacted youth and young adults across the nation and the world."

This humble servant was featured in EbonyMagazine in February 2006 as one of America's 30 young leaders under the age of 30. He is no stranger to hard work. Dillard holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and is a graduate of the W.L. Porter Bible Institute, which is accredited by the Evangelical Training Association. His social awareness, professional affiliations and civic contributions are apparent in his services to various organizations, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Society of Black Engineers, and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Dillard, who is a recipient of numerous awards, recognitions, and commendations for his academic, ministerial, social involvement and accomplishments, assumes leadership of the denomination's largest summer convention comprised of five major departments of the church: Music and Youth, Mission and Evangelism, and Sunday School. Additionally, AIM serves as the annual meeting for Scholastic Motivation, Drill Team, Children's Ministry, and nightly Youth Church.

Under the leadership of Chairman Dillard, the region is all abuzz, from the Convention Bureau and restaurateurs, to vendors and politicians. With regional rallies scheduled in Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia, the AIM machine is picking up steam in an effort to make 2013 the best AIM experience possible.

While the 2003 Convention hosted nearly 20,000 delegates, through vigorous planning, renewed faith, and redoubling our efforts, we believe we are on track to exceed that! Chairman Dillard's vision is ambitious and his spirit infectious, while incentivizing an army of volunteers who AIM to please! Get on board the auxiliary movement and join us in Baltimore for a life-changing encounter that is sure to impact your effectiveness in ministry.

The 2013 Convention will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, July 1-5, 2013. The primary goal is training for a more effective domestic and global outreach, and its mission is to advance Kingdom work through training, worship, evangelism, discipleship, fellowship and service. **TWT**





Theme "Experiencing the Power of Jesus Christ, Pursuing His Mission and His Righteousness" Philippians 3:7-15

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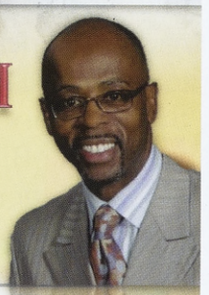
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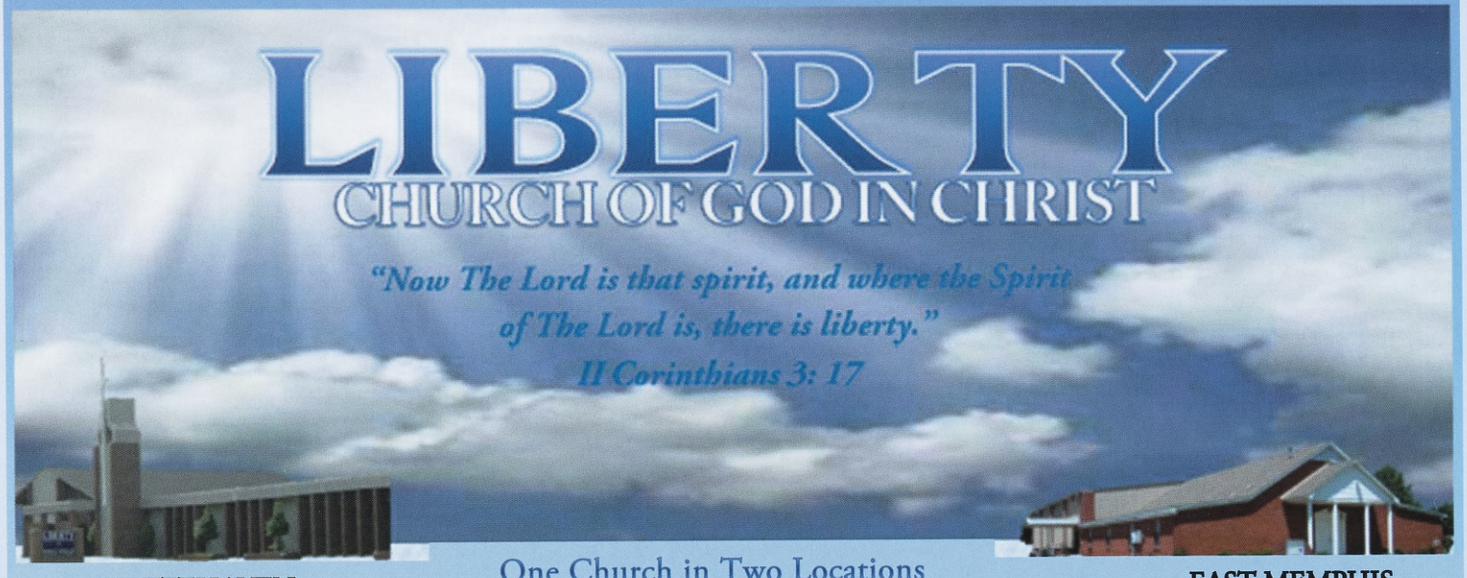
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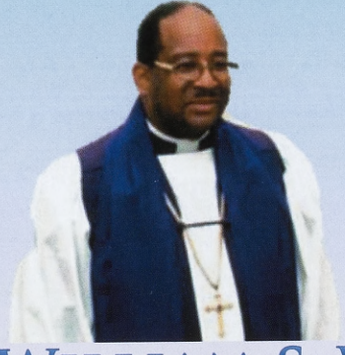
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My son was not "lucky", he was **COVERED!**

REPORT

By Dr. Judith Christie McAllister
COGIC Music Department President

IT'S TIME TO TESTIFY OF THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD!

As a parent, I am always mindful to lay hands on my children before they leave the house and plead the blood of Jesus over their lives. If I am out of town during the week, I make it my business (no matter what time zone I find myself in) to call them, tell them I love them and pray for their protection. I realize that although I am "parent" with the instinctive nature to protect, it is God who ultimately is the One who will protect and cover, especially when I cannot be in their general vicinity.

On Saturday, February 2nd, 2013, my 18-year-old son Michael was in a horrific car accident. It developed as he was maneuvering to avoid a deer that ran out in front of his car on a two-lane, secluded road with no guard rails. He swerved and missed the deer; but that action caused him to lose control of the car, veer off into the oncoming traffic lane, hydroplane, land in a ditch and strike a tree. The force of the impact broke the tree in half; and the tree crushed the roof of the car.

Here is the miracle: Michael WALKED OUT of the car without a scratch!

The police officers and tow truck operator said that he was "lucky" because the car should have blown up, due to the fact that the fuel tank ruptured on impact. Anyone who sees this car will observe that EVERY SEAT was affected in this collision – EXCEPT FOR THE DRIVER'S SEAT! My son was not "lucky", he was COVERED!!!!!! (Psalm 91) **TWT**

LEGALLY SPEAKING
With Attorney Mablean Ephriam



Legal Issues That Pastors & Bishops Often Face

Question 1: *If a pastor or bishop invites a speaker to his church, is the church required to obtain a W-9 from the speaker and to give the speaker a form 1099?*

Legally Speaking: Under the IRS rules, all persons are required to report income paid to any person in the amount of $600.00 or more. The recipient is required to file income taxes and report the receipt of any income over $600.00. Therefore, the church should ask all speakers to complete a W-9 form. If the fee paid is more than $600.00, the church should keep a record. At the end of the calendar year, the church is required to complete and file a 1099 Form with the IRS showing the total income paid to the speaker for the calendar year. The speaker should also receive a copy.

Question 2: *If a church gives the pastor a "love offering" for a birthday, anniversary, Founder's Day or something similar, must the pastor report this as income and pay taxes?*

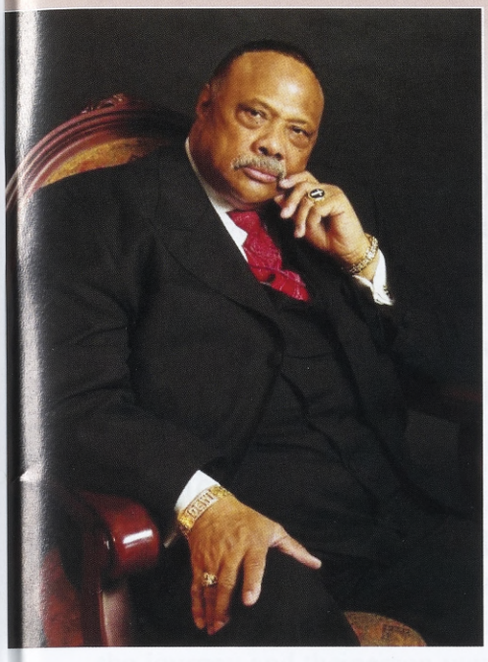
Legally Speaking: All citizens of the United States are required to file income taxes from any and all sources if money received is in the amount of $600.00 or more. Love offerings, private retirement benefits, disability benefits, unemployment benefits, gifts, donations and contributions are all considered income if it is given to the pastor or bishop personally. Whether taxes are paid will depend on total income received and deductions reported on the income tax returns, according to tax rules.

Question 3: *How do pastors legally terminate a staff person?*

Legally Speaking: Most churches that hire staff persons do so via oral contracts. The pastor or church is the employer and the staff person is the employee. In most states, an employee may be terminated after giving "reasonable notice." Most staff persons work in an "at will" capacity, meaning they are employed at the "will" of the employer. Now, if an employee is under a written contract, then the terms of the written contract will control how termination takes place. It is generally best to give a staff person a warning about his or her conduct and an opportunity to correct the conduct before termination, except in those situations where retaining the employee may cause immediate harm to others or to the employer, or in the case of criminal conduct.
TWT

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CONGRATULATIONS



Superintendent Dwight E. Walls, Sr.!

Newly Elected Chairman of the National Board of Trustees, Church of God in Christ, Inc.

By Dion Walls

Superintendent Dwight E. Walls, Sr. has served on the National Board of Trustees for 24 years, operating in the capacities of 1st and 2nd Vice-Chairman, participating in the negotiating of contracts, developing budgets and job descriptions, hiring staff, assisting in strategic planning, supervision of national properties and ascertaining the budgetary needs of all national departments for the Church of God in Christ, Inc.

Superintendent Dwight E. Walls, Sr. is the son of the late Bishop Floyd A. Walls and Mother Alma M. Walls. He grew up in Ypsilanti, MI where he attended the Ypsilanti Public System, later gaining track scholarships and attending Washtenaw Community College, Bank Street College, and the University of Michigan. Superintendent Walls, Sr. is a family man. He is the husband of Missionary Mignon N. Walls, the father of Elder Dwight II, Missionary LarScene, Brother Dion (Donnietra), and the grandfather of four grandchildren. He is the pastor of the Greater Shiloh Church of God in Christ (19 years) and currently serves as the district superintendent of the Greater Shiloh District and administrative assistant in the Greater Lakes 2nd Jurisdiction of Michigan where Bishop Alfred M. Smith is prelate.

Superintendent Walls served his father at the Greater Shiloh Church of God in Christ as a deacon and assistant pastor. The late Bishop Floyd A. Walls became jurisdictional bishop of the Canada Second Jurisdiction in 1986, where Superintendent Walls served as his Episcopal assistant. He also has served in the national church as a Marshall, later becoming a part of the first Security Task Force, under the leadership of the late Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. Later, he became a national adjutant and was assigned to the late Bishop J. A. Blake, Sr. and the late Bishop C. L. Anderson, Jr. While serving as a national adjutant to the late Bishop J. O. Patterson Sr., Superintendent Walls established a special love for him and a personal relationship was developed.

The late Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr. and Superintendent Dwight E. Walls, Sr. had a great love for the outdoors (hunting and fishing). Soon, Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr., along with Bishop J. Neaul Haynes and Bishop Jacob Cohen, joined the Walls Bulls Eye Sportsman Club (which consisted of Bishop Floyd A. Walls, Superintendent Walls, and his brothers). This club was later renamed the Walls, Patterson, Haynes, Cohen Bulls Eye Sportsman Club, where they traveled annually across the country enjoying the great outdoors.

Superintendent Dwight E. Walls, Sr. was instrumental in helping to develop the Canadian Second Jurisdiction, under the leadership of his father, the late Bishop Floyd A. Walls. After the demise of Bishop Walls, Bishop Elton Lawrence, Sr., father-in-law to Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., became the Prelate of Canada Second Jurisdiction, later to be renamed the Michigan/Canadian Jurisdiction.

On November 13, 2012, Superintendent Dwight E. Walls, Sr. was re-elected for his 7th consecutive term by the General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ to the National Board of Trustees, and was elected as chairman by his peers. He is humbled to serve as chairman under the leadership of Presiding Bishop Charles Edward Blake, Sr. We say congratulations Chairman Walls on your new tour of duty! **TWT**

REDISCOVERING ME, REDISCOVERING YOU

With Dr. Michelle Jackson-McCoy



Discoveries that cause you to see your mate as a rare jewel, rather than a stranger.

It is so amazing that you can have a long engagement, spend countless hours and even years getting to know this person for whom you intend to marry, marry them and several years later still find yourself making discoveries and gaining new insights into their life. What many married couples have come to understand is that although your spiritual union is immediate, marriage is a process. It is a process of discovering and rediscovering your mate, their boundaries, your boundaries, yourself, and how all of these entities and concepts can come together to form a covenant as each impacts the other.

Of course these discoveries can range from small and insignificant to life-changing. So, let's be clear. We are not talking about shocking hard-hitting revelations that cause you to look at your spouse and see a stranger. We are speaking very specifically about discoveries of the heart. These are exceptional moments, when life presents the opportunity for you to have a clear view into someone's heart. Don't worry about knowing when these moments arrive. You will recognize them. These are the moments you have dreamed of and prayed for. They are the discoveries that cause you to see your mate as a rare jewel rather than see them as a stranger - too valuable to lose and too rare to find again. These discoveries are the outgrowth of Christian living. In other words, they are the by-product of Christ living in you.

Although discovery is part of the marriage process, don't be deceived into thinking discovery is the goal. Whether we acknowledge it or not, we're all journeying towards the same goal, we're just not all using the same road to get there. The goal of marriage for believers is the promise of oneness, the blending of separate lives and agendas to form one unified entity with greater purpose and content than that which can be accomplished apart from one another. Although the spiritual blending is immediate in marriage, as you become one flesh in the eyes of God, it is the emotional, psychological, physical, and economic blending that can take time. However, if achieved, you will find oneness to be a wonderful pathway to bringing passion to your marriage. Over time you will begin to realize and hopefully will continue to discover that in a successful marriage it is not as much about discovering new quality in your mate as it is about discovering the depths of those qualities you already feel and see in him/her every day. Discovering the depth of your spouse's love, courage, commitment, faith, forgiveness, and passion. These are not only the tools you will need for a successful journey. They are your evidence that the road you and your spouse have selected to get you to the promise

is the correct one. These tools will be your greatest friend in your journey so hold them close to your heart and cherish them. But remember, your spouse needs tools too. So while you are enjoying yours, don't forget to provide the same for your mate. Within this mutual adventure you will find it is your courage which will sustain you in your journey. Love is what makes you want to take the journey, faith is your belief that purpose and destiny are at the other end of your journey, forgiveness is your statement that no issue is greater than your determination to take the journey, and passion is what allows you to fully embrace both the journey and the person you have selected to join you in your quest. One thing about discoveries, your find will be no greater than your willingness to embrace the adventure. The depth of your discovery is up to you. So, for those who want your marriage to reach God's highest highs – show your depth!

Dr. Michelle would love to hear your marital thoughts and questions at DrMichelle@cogic.org

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is POLITICAL CORRECTNESS *a compromise?*

By Elder Rick Cunningham

ANYONE FAMILIAR WITH the cliché, "I miss the good old days"? Those days might remind you of a time where decency and good manners were more prevalent and adhered to. The world has always had a standard for measuring what is considered socially acceptable behavior. If you were to travel the seven continents you would probably find common ideologies and beliefs as to how one should conduct himself in polite society. What was viewed as acceptable behavior also extended to one's personal behavior. If a person engaged in conduct that was considered taboo by the majority of society, they kept it private and undercover. As time continued, what was considered moral and refined behavior began to evolve. Gradually, those who engaged in things outside the parameters of acceptability became emboldened by the sudden evolution of public acceptance of immoral behavior.



Please read the first chapter of Romans and the fifth chapter of Galatians in the King James Bible for clarification as to immoral and carnal behavior. Society has come to the point that we now rationalize everything by trying to be open minded and inclusive. This politically correct way of thinking has managed to infiltrate the Body of Christ; that's the truth of the matter. Here is another truth: What God outlined to Moses as right, wrong, and acceptable behavior has not evolved or changed. The world has become comfortable with ungodliness but ungodliness has not suddenly become acceptable to God. The scriptures and the messages of the scriptures have not changed. "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:20-21 KJV).

God gave Moses what He wanted him to teach to the people of God. "And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them (Exodus 24:12).

We have a responsibility to adhere to the standard that God has set. The Bible tells us, "Be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2). It is important to remember that we will answer to God and not to man. Making people happy in the commission of their sins is not what God wants. The apostle Paul asked the church a t Galatia, "Do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10). A similar question can be asked of the Body of Christ today. Who are we, as a body of Christian believers, trying to please?

I agree that we must have a degree of understanding towards those who are in the world that we are trying to win over to Christ. There should be considerations we contemplate when presenting ourselves as representatives of Jesus. "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:20). The objective though is to win souls for Christ and not fit into the ways of worldly behavior.

Becoming compromised by political correctness can be detrimental to a Christian. Seducing spirits will influence you and you will lose the ability to discern between right and wrong.

As long as we are living on earth we will be surrounded by things that are not reflective of holiness.

Paul, in his first letter to the church at Corinth, said, "I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world" (1 Corinthians 5:9-10). We are, however, supposed to be a light to the world and not facilitating their road to damnation by refusing to make the distinction between what the Scriptures say is acceptable and unacceptable to God.

Taking a stand for biblically taught Christian conduct should not make a person feel as if they are going against the majority. We should not just go along in order to get along. If you refuse to be politically correct in acceptance of sinful actions you are actually doing what God expects of you. We are supposed to do and say what the Holy Spirit directs us to

do and say. Our understanding as Christians is different from a worldly understanding. Christians are not supposed to be carnal-minded. "We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual" (1 Corinthians 2:12-13 KJV).

Becoming compromised by political correctness can be detrimental to a Christian. Seducing spirits will influence you and you will lose the ability to discern between right and wrong. If a person doesn't want to believe the truth in righteousness, God will allow you to do what you want. In the first chapter of Romans Paul wrote, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient (Romans 1:28). It is sad that someone who knows the truth of what God has declared would choose to go against the Word of God. In the effort to be politically correct, some have done just that. The Bible says, "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them" (Romans 1:32). The thought of losing my reasoning and understanding because I was trying to be accommodating of worldly values is simply not appealing.

Now you should keep in mind that there will be a price to pay for what you say. Your refusal to be politically correct and wink at sin can have negative consequences. Everyone looked the other way when Herod carried on a public affair with Herodias, the wife of his Brother Philipp. John the Baptist spoke out against their adultery and as a consequence, Herod had John thrown into prison. At the same time, consent by silence or manipulation of the truth will have its consequences also. Jesus said, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Luke 7: 22-23).

Ask yourself the question: "Is being politically correct worth risking my eternal salvation with God?" I encourage you to stand on and for what God has said. The following is a direct quote from Jesus: "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment" (Matthew 12:36 KJV). Be Blessed. **TWT**

Elder Rick Cunningham is the author of "Making Choices In Christ: Moving Beyond Self Destructive Choices And Behavior," and a member of the Southside Church of God in Christ in Jacksonville, FL.



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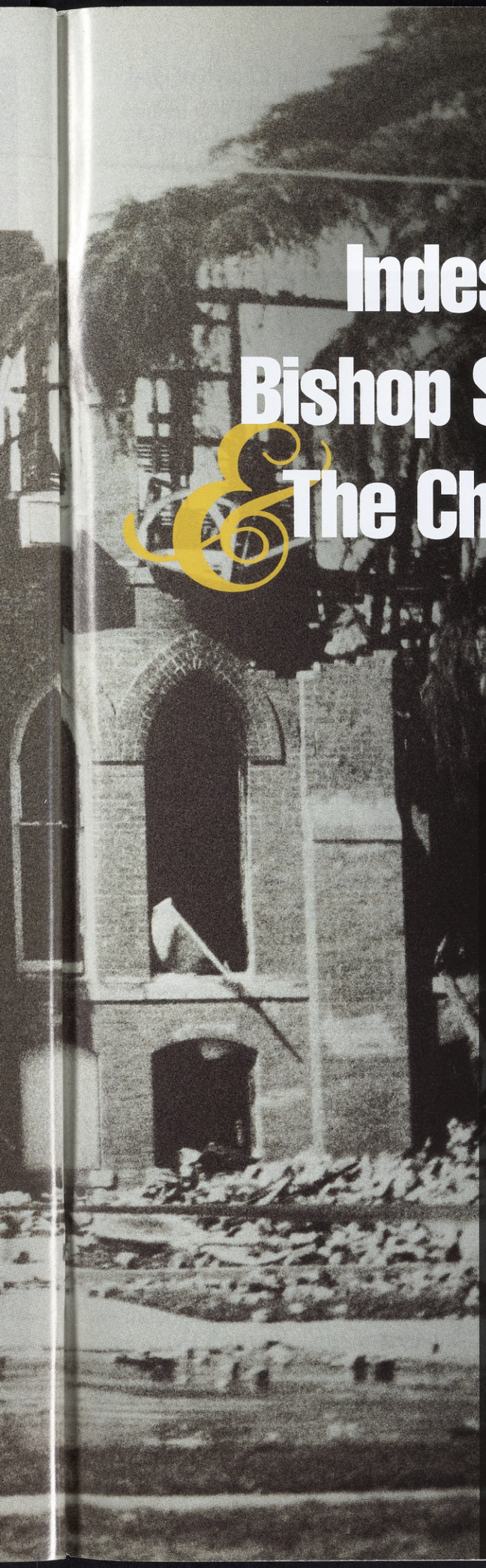


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The Indestructible Faith of Bishop Samuel E. Iglehart & The Childress Memorial COGIC Family

By Marcus Fenner

On Friday, February 1, 2013 at approximately 11:45pm, Childress Memorial Church of God in Christ in San Antonio, TX, under the leadership of Bishop Samuel Edward Iglehart, suffered immense loss when their church home of nearly 50 years was destroyed by fire. With over 600 members displaced from the edifice that was, for many, the only church home ever known, Childress Memorial proceeded with Sunday service directly after the fire, at a San Antonio convention center, with a resolve to immediately move forward and a strong will to worship.



Childress Memorial Church of God in Christ began as Galloway Tabernacle Church of God in Christ in 1931, named after Reverend J.H. Galloway who pastored the church for 2 years before moving from San



Antonio to Houston, TX. After his departure, several pastors succeeded, including Reverend Hightower, Rev. Joe Quinn, Rev. J.S. Starks, and Rev. E.H. Hamilton. Although the tenure of these pastors was fairly short, each was able to develop and advance the church during their terms. In 1936, Rev. E.D. Childress was appointed to Galloway Tabernacle and later became Superintendent of the San Antonio District. The church was renamed Blue Bonnet Church of God in Christ. Under Rev. Childress' leadership, the church continued to grow and moved to a larger sanctuary at 107 South Pine. Ironically, however, the church would endure 2 separate fires in 1954 and 1959 but within time, damages were repaired.

After the passing of Rev. Childress in 1962, Bishop T.D. Iglehart was appointed as pastor of Blue Bonnet, greatly growing the church membership and acquiring additional church property with the purchase of a large worship facility

at 901 N. Pine in 1964. The church was again renamed Childress Memorial Church of God in Christ in honor of the many years of servitude of the late Supt. E.D. Childress.

The Whole Truth: What kind of support have you received from the San Antonio community?

Childress Memorial Spokesperson: The Sunday after the fire, the city offered the use of the Henry B. Gonzalez convention center. Several churches came together to sponsor a fund raiser last Friday, 3/1/2013 at New Creation Christian Fellowship. They raised over $300,000.00 and more has come in daily.





On September 27, 1997, Bishop Samuel Edward and First Lady Gloria Iglehart were appointed as pastor and wife and under their devoted, steadfast leadership, the church as grown by leaps and bounds.

Just a few days after the devastating church fire and in the midst of unsettling times in the life of the Childress Memorial family, Bishop Iglehart and his staff were gracious enough to briefly speak with The Whole Truth for an exclusive interview:

The Whole Truth: Are Childress Memorial members optimistic about the church's future?

Childress Memorial Spokesperson: Yes and they have every right to be. There has been such an outpouring of love and contributions from every segment of the community, the city, other churches and organizations, and individuals from every denomination.

The Whole Truth: Where is the congregation currently worshipping?

Childress Memorial Spokesperson: We are worshipping on a regular basis at the Live Oak Civic Center in Live Oak, TX. We have a contract with them for a year or until a new Childress Memorial has been built on the same site as the previous church.

The Whole Truth: What can readers who are reading this article do or show support for you and your congregation?

Childress Memorial Spokesperson: I would first direct them to our website (http://www.childressmemorialchurch.com/) which tells the story in vivid detail. They can also find contributions that have been given to date. This assures anyone who wishes to support us that any and all contributions will be used for the rebuilding Childress Memorial.

As the prelate of Texas Southwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Bishop Iglehart faithfully leads more than 145 churches. We diligently pray for his continued strength, as well as the strength of the entire Childress Memorial COGIC church family, as they work to rebuild an edifice while continuing to uphold their church motto during such challenging times, "Winning the lost at any cost." **TWT**

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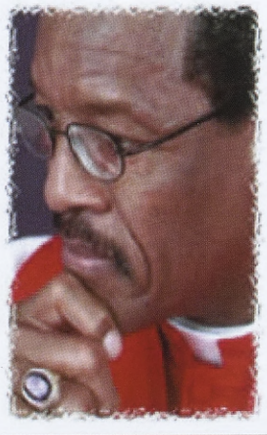
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Bishop Mason History: How Much Do You Know?

In this my first article for The Whole Truth, allow me to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Presiding Bishop Charles Edward Blake, Sr. for his vote of confidence with my reappointment as President of the Charles Harrison Mason Historical Society of the Church of God in Christ.

Among the many things I enjoy as head of the Charles Harrison Mason Historical Society is hearing testimonies of eyewitnesses who were blessed by the ministry of our beloved founder.

Recently, Mother Earlynn Byas McDowell shared her precious childhood memories of her grandfather, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason. Whenever Bishop Mason came to Detroit, the Byas home was busy with people. Mother McDowell, Bishop Mason's fifth grandchild recalls, "People constantly were coming and going to our house. Everybody wanted to see him. People would also bring food. He would visit the many churches and convocations. I just wanted my grandfather to myself."

Bishop Ralph Jefferson of New York and Mother Vernon Oliver Price of Chicago both recount how Bishop Mason prayed for them many years ago, giving them a "quick pop on the head."

Another saint, Mother Gurthrine Fitzgerald of Chicago, IL celebrated her 100th birthday in 2012. She yet recalls her days in St. Louis, MO at Bostick Temple Church of God in Christ, and being baptized by Bishop Mason in the mighty Mississippi River.

During our recent class sessions during the 105th Holy Convocation in St. Louis, we began with an icebreaker and posed the following multiple choice questions regarding Bishop Mason and baptism:

Bishop Charles Harrison Mason was baptized:

A. In Jerusalem while visiting the Holy Land.
B. By a man named Israel.
C. By sprinkling.

The room immediately came alive as people laughed and pondered the correct answer.

"We know that Bishop Mason traveled to such places as Haiti and to London, England where he spoke to the World Pentecostal Conference in 1952. But is there any published record of Bishop Mason visiting the Holy Land during his lifetime?" Not that we know of. Answer "A" was therefore eliminated.

Could answer "B" be the correct answer? Was Bishop C. H. Mason baptized by a man named Israel? Well, we know that Bishop Mason was baptized by his brother, Reverend I.S. Nelson.

What about answer C? As previously mentioned, Bishop Mason often preached and baptized along

the banks of the Mississippi River. Based on our doctrinal statements and ordinances published in our Sunday School literature, our mode of baptism is by immersion, not sprinkling. More than likely, Bishop Mason was immersed as well. Therefore, answer "C" was also eliminated.

Yes, the correct answer is "B." He was baptized by his brother whose first name was Israel.

History can be fun!

From across the country and around the world, people are excited about Bishop Mason and the history of the Church of God in Christ. Saints are joining the Charles Harrison Mason Historical Society and we are grateful for the many Bishops who are helping us to establish new local chapters, as we continue to celebrate the pioneers and achievers in every jurisdiction.

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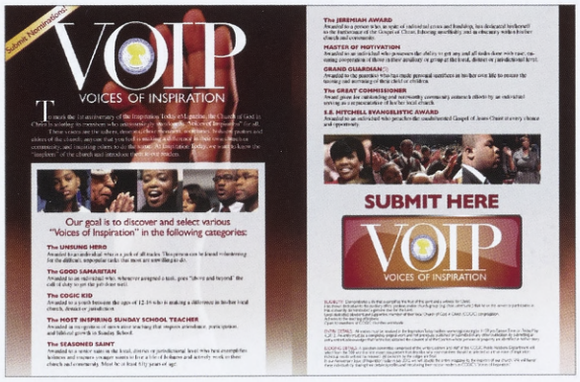
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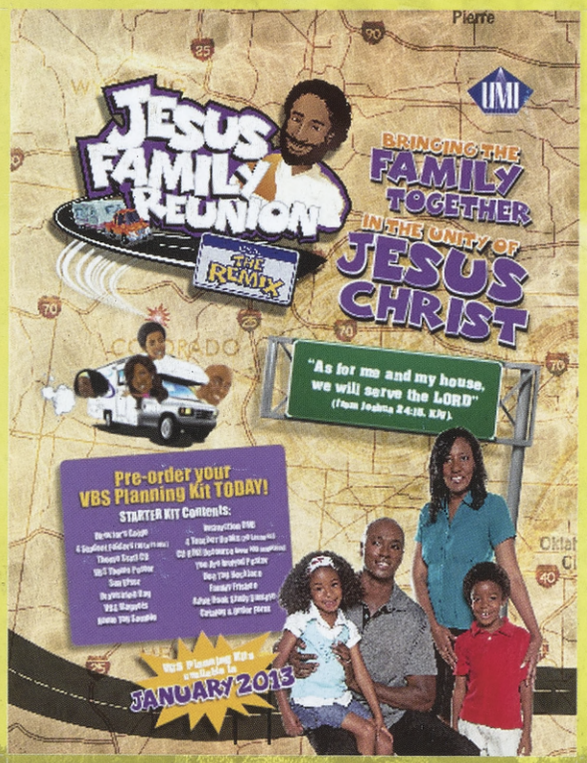
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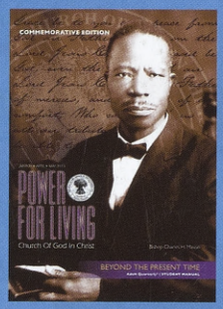


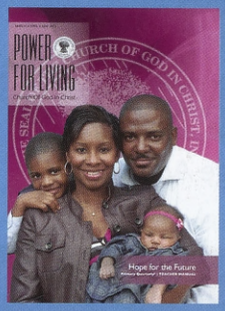
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